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Airport high-tech park hints of huge development

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Something bigger than the New Orleans Saints might be coming soon to Hancock County.

An ambitious conceptual plan to develop up to 5,000 acres of mainly agricultural land on the northeast side of Interstate 10 and both sides of state Hwy. 603 is on file with the County Planning and Zoning Commission. The plan envisions a 300-acre sports complex on the southwest side of I-10.

The seeds for future growth are

planted in a six-point-type legal ad, which ran last Sunday in the Echo.

The advertisement notifies residents the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the Civic Center at 5 p.m. Aug. 30 on plans to rezone part of a 200-plus-acre tract of agricultural land at the northwest corner of the intersection of I-10 and Hwy. 603.

The land fronting 603 is now zoned C-2 for commercial growth, but a group of investors identified as the Hancock County Development, L.L.C. wants a spe-

cial exception to allow commercial development on the back portion of the tract, now zoned A-1, Agricultural. On the tract, developers, working in partnership with the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, plan a 287-acre high-tech park, fronting Hwy. 603 and stretching to the eastern boundaries of Stennis International Airport.

Executive Director Hal Walters confirmed this week he and his staff



Satellite image of the designated location near Stennis International Airport for the proposed high-tech park.

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B-W Middle to host open house

Bay-Waveland Middle School will host an open house this Tuesday, Aug. 21, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bay City Council meets this week

The Bay St. Louis City Council will meet in a workshop on Monday, Aug. 20, at 5:30 p.m. at the city hall annex on Court St. in Bay St. Louis, and in regular session on Tuesday, beginning at 7 p.m.

The public is welcome.

Louie Smolensky gets a shave

Waveland Alderman Louis Smolensky will conduct his third annual ceremonial head shaving at 6:30 p.m. this Thursday, Aug. 23, at Coconut's Bar & Grill at Holiday Inn Waveland.

There will also be a silent auction.

All proceeds will benefit research to fight muscular dystrophy. No donations will be refused.

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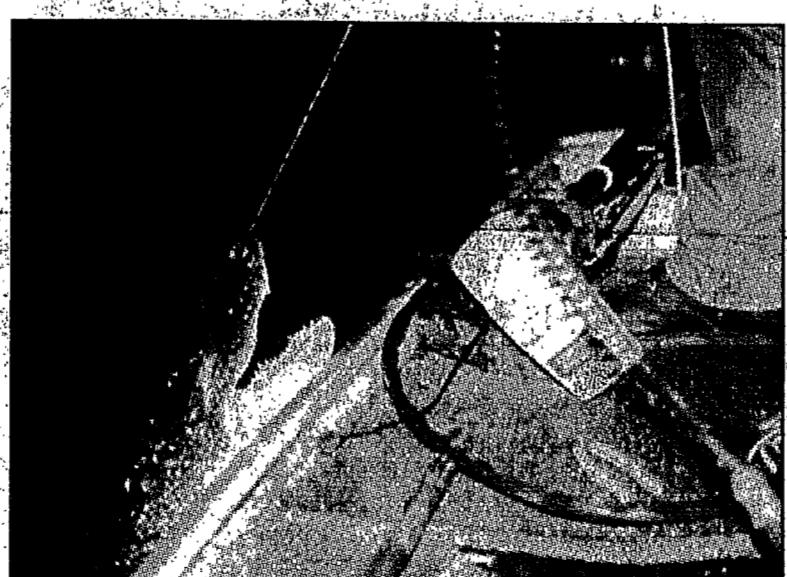
A pair of live but pretty unhappy alligators captured and trussed Thursday evening at White's Bayou at Pearlington by Hancock County agent/trappers Clark Breland and Brandon Rhodes. Both reptiles were deemed "nuisance gators" because they had been lurking near private homes around pets and children. Below, Rhodes has one of the gators in top jaw snare before pulling it into the boat.

They're numbers growing as fast as area humans'

BY GEOFF BELCHER

News Editor

Countless pairs of beady red eyes peer back at us over the surface of the murky water in the sweeping glare of the Q-beam light Thursday night on Mulatto Bayou at Pearlington, just on the edge of Port Bienville industrial park. The predatory eyes are the only visible portion of submerged, hungry alligators – among



nature's most perfect eating machines – and as you watch them watching you, you get the distinct impression they're sizing you up, trying to determine

whether you're a threat or a snack.

My guides for the trip

are county agent/trappers

Clark Breland and

Brandon Rhodes. They are

licensed by the state to hunt down and remove "nuisance" animals all over Hancock County. They pride themselves on always trying to take the animal alive, even though the animals usually aren't too concerned about the hunters' safety. Over the years, they've been called out to capture wild boar, fox, raccoon, basically any type of wild animal that is posing a threat or nuisance to human beings. But their specialty is alligators.

They were back on the hunt Thursday night for "nuisance" gators, just a week after bringing in a 13-foot, 3.5-inch rogue that had been cruising for poodles

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No raises in budget for county employees

Executive order freezes higher wages unless approved in advance

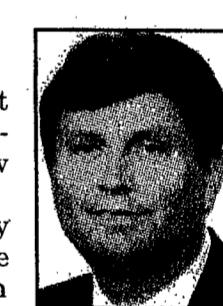
BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

County workers won't get a raise in pay beginning Oct. 1 when a new budget goes into effect.

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors were in a recessed session Wednesday, and went into executive session in the late afternoon.

The board emerged to announce it was issuing an executive order stating raises for full-time or part-time county employees will not be approved unless the requests first come before supervisors.

The board is in the midst of crunching numbers together in order to figure out what revenue it will have to fund county operations for the coming fiscal year.



Rocky Pullman
Board of
Supervisors
President.

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Controversial bus policy on temporary hold

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The Hancock County School system administration on Thursday issued letters to parents of children in the district, letting them know that for now, the old bus routes are back.

Controversy erupted at the beginning of the school year when the district enacted a new transportation policy that scaled back the range of the bus routes. Previously, buses had gone to pick up Hancock high and middle school students living within .3

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Scientists find metals in some Gulf fish

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Scientists say that they suspect that high levels of the deadly metal, mercury, may be present in some Gulf fish. The fish under suspicion are cobia, amberjack and redfish. High levels of mercury can cause nerve damage in humans. Recent samples taken from fish off the coast of Alabama by the Mobile Register showed dangerous levels of mercury in several species.

Laboratory director at the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Henry Folmar said that tests on fish in our area should begin in the next few months. Results from those tests will take a month or two to analyze, he said. No warnings would be issued

before next May, Folmar said, unless tests revealed an acute situation.

Schools of fish can and do migrate up and down the coast for hundreds of miles, Folmar said. "It is hard to tell where the fish originate from, but it is my feeling that test results here will be similar to those in Alabama," Folmar said. "They will basically be the same population of fish," he said.

This information follows on the heels of findings from extensive tests done off the Alabama coast. The FDA guidelines indicate that fish containing mercury levels above 1.0 parts per million should not be sold for public consumption. Samples of all three fish taken from Alabama waters, cobia, amberjack and redfish found levels of mercury above this guideline

with cobia testing the highest at 1.8 ppm.

A warning against consumption of king mackerel longer than 39 inches was issued throughout the Gulf area in 1997, said Department of Marine Resources public relations representative Lauren Thompson, because of mercury contamination. King mackerel under 33 inches are considered safe to eat, but recommendations are that children under seven and women of childbearing age should eat the fish no more than once every two months, and others should eat the fish no more than once every two weeks, Thompson said.

Experts think that larger fish might contain even higher levels of the metal. People who eat fish from the same sources on a

regular basis may be at a greater risk for poisoning if the fish they are eating contain mercury, experts said.

Mercury generally enters the water through the atmosphere from sources such as coal burning plants, but mercury is everywhere, said Folmar, even in kids tennis shoes that light up. The most toxic form of the metal is methyl mercury, he said.

Elemental mercury is transformed to methyl mercury when it enters the soil or water, mixes with bacteria and becomes part of the food chain, Folmar said. About half of mercury comes from local sources, he said, such as power plants, and the other half comes from global sources. Mercury has been found in fish even in remote areas, Folmar said.

National motto donation



Superintendent Mike Ladner (right) and Brother Lavell Lee of Lee's Chapel #2 Baptist Church display the "In God We Trust" national motto that will be displayed in each Hancock County School District classroom. Lee's Chapel #2 donated the 380 color copies of the national motto and organized the effort to gather funds to have each motto framed. Those providing donations for the framing included members of Crane Creek Baptist Church, Wolf Creek Baptist Church, Shiloh Baptist Church, Hancock North Central Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, and the Superintendent's Office. The Hancock County Republican Women's Club supplied all the Bay St. Louis-Waveland Schools with framed copies of the motto in a ceremony in July.

Hope Haven planning sale fundraiser

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

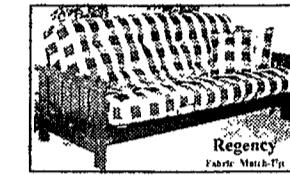
Hope Haven, Hancock County's shelter for abused and neglected children, is having a giant yard sale, and your donations would be appreciated.

You are urged to clean out those closets, your attics or garages and bring your discarded clothes or appliances or nick-nacs to the law offices of Elise Epperson Sims at 841 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis.

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Gators -- record numbers

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and the occasional toddler at Jourdan River Shores.

As Rhodes sweeps the Q-beam back and forth across the bayou at the front of the 14-foot fishing boat, Breland pilots around the twists and turns at break-neck speed, stopping abruptly when he sees a pair of eyes peeping up near a fishing camp, the owner of which had recently made a nuisance report. The owner has grandchildren that play around the dock and the bayou, and worries about what might happen.

"What's that Brandon?" Breland asks. "Ah, it's a knot," comes the reply. A "knot" is a baby alligator. And there seem to be an awful lot of knots on the bayou this night. Like, dozens. I mention this to Breland.

"Yeah," he said. "I think that not too long from now, the state will probably declare a season."

Louisiana has already established an annual hunting season for the once-endangered species, because there — like here — they're coming back in record numbers, and we humans are encroaching on their terrain like never before.

As we cruise under a low bridge at White's Bayou and around the bend, one of the nuisance gators Breland and Rhodes have been searching for slides quickly and gracefully from the muddy bank into the water and is gone.

Breland decides to go further up to the edge of the marsh to check a baited hook he'd left earlier in the day.

"I hate to do that," he said, "but sometimes that's the only way to catch 'em." The owner of the property that had made the complaint breeds golden retrievers, beautiful animals that make tasty morsels for a big toothy lizard.

Sure enough, as we turn the bend, Breland sees that the gator has taken the bait. It's an eight-footer. As Breland engages the trolling motor and we approach, it begins to thrash and snap. It slams the boat, it bites the boat, but to no avail. Together the two men haul it up to the rail of the boat. While it is still snapping, Breland reaches out and clamps its jaws shut. Rhodes quickly raps duct tape around its snout.

After that, all the fight seems to go out of it. It's only protest is a low croaking-throb in the back of its throat. The men pull it in and the reptile allows them to hog-tie its legs behind its back.

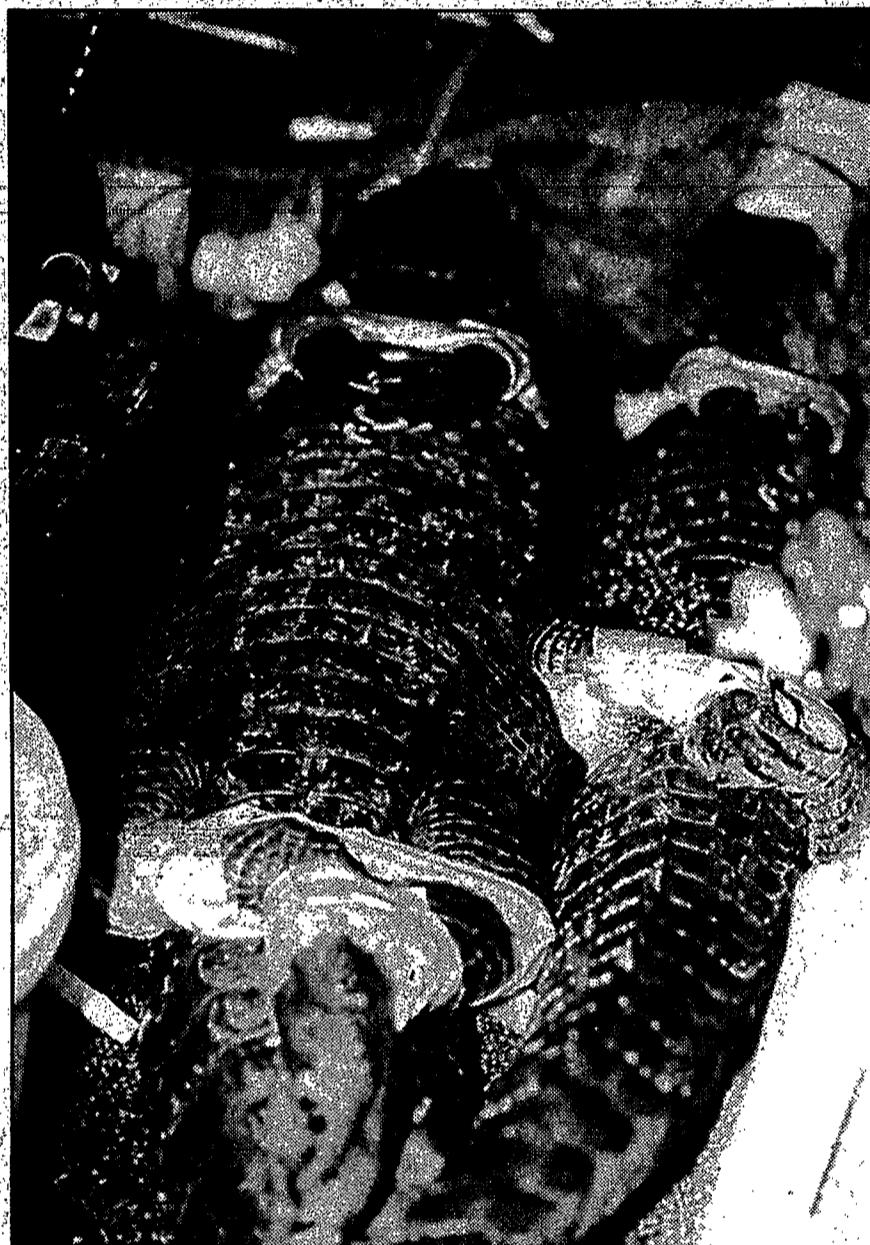
It is a majestic animal, truly a modern dinosaur, but it is still almost pitiful in defeat. I run my hand along its scaly back and soft tail. It feels like rich leather, and I can see why its hide has been so prized for so many years.

I feel sorry for it. So does Breland.

"I kind of feel sorry for them," he said. "They're not doing anything but being



Hancock County agent/trappers Brandon Rhodes, left, and Clark Breland, with their catch of the day on Thursday evening — a seven-foot and eight-foot alligator. Both gators were captured alive.



Still on the bayou, but inside the boat, the gators somehow don't seem so threatening. At this point, they're very tired after their ineffective struggle against their captors. They lie almost motionless at the bottom of the boat, re-building their energy for another chance.

gators. We're coming into their territory."

But, he says, "I'd hate it if something happened to one of those dogs."

"There are a lot of three-legged dogs running around

But canines are a special delicacy, Breland said, because they often bark and alert the gators to their presence. And in the water, the gator is king. The 13-footer they had found the previous week had been spotted at Jourdan River Shores after chasing a dog. And while the two alligator hunters removed that menace, there is still a nine-footer lurking somewhere in the dark.

Captures are up this year from nine last summer to 22 as of Thursday — and 24 by the end of the evening, after the two men landed the eight-footer and a seven-footer we came across later.

Part of the problem, Breland said, is that people actually leave food out for the alligators, and even at times hand-feed them. They want to see them. But then that draws them to people, and makes them associate people with food.

"If I could get anything across to people," Breland said, "it that they should never feed an alligator. They get used to us, and they associate us with food. ... And that's not good."

It's not good for the gators, either. Breland and Rhodes often come across dead gators that some poacher destroyed illegally out of fear or greed, or a desire for a little barbecue.

The proper response to a nuisance gator-sighting is to call the state hotline, 1-800-BE-SMART.

There may be gators out there waiting, but Breland and Rhodes are out there, too.

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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

The 4th annual Chamber of Commerce & Industry Expo is set for Thursday, August 23, 3 to 7 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center, Longfellow Road.

The Chamber's Expo has grown each year and draws hundreds of visitors to view some 80 displays from local businesses and industries.

The general public is invited and encouraged to attend. There are always lots of giveaways. Admission is \$2 per person at the door, or advanced tickets are \$1 each at the chamber's office prior to Thursday.

Door prizes and refreshments will be available throughout the event with a grand prize drawing of \$1,000 at 6:30 p.m. Let's see if I can recall the name of the person who was lucky enough to win the \$1,000 last year. I understand he will be trying for a repeat performance.

To be eligible, a visitor must visit a minimum of 70 percent of the exhibitors' booths.

The Expo is an event sponsored by the Chamber's Member Services Committee, chaired by Mickey Lagassee and co-chaired by Amy Corr. I am hoping to see you Thursday at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce 2001 Business & Industry Expo.

An age-old problem continues in this area, and that is the removal and destruction of political signs. Since candidates began to post signs for the special Justice Court Judge's election in November, I have had several candidates tell me they have had signs removed or destroyed. Some report the signs costing up to \$100 each.

I remember the alligator we had in our back yard next to our chicken and duck pen in Waveland for about five or six years. It was a two-footer when he and a friend caught it in the marsh while fly fishing. My father built an enclosed pen for it, and he dug his burrow and would hibernate the winter months. Food for the gator was frogs, fish, meat and birds. The area over the gator's hole caved in one day and he escaped. Several weeks later my cousin's husband killed it in the sand pit (oxidation pond area), at which time its length was 6 feet, 2 inches. No, it never became a pet, and we never went into its enclosed pen.

This act of vandalism is really nothing new for this county. I cannot recall an election since I have been at The Echo that some candidate did not complain about sign vandalism.

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Listening and governing

Recently it was a joy for me to host the U.S. Secretary of Labor, Elaine Chao in Mississippi for the 27th annual Founder's Day program in Pascagoula, where Secretary Chao served as the keynote speaker.

Secretary Chao's new approach at the Department of Labor will be good for Mississippi, particularly for our small business men and women, and our transitioning workforce. Finally, we have people in Washington who want to listen to people and serve them, instead of just governing them.

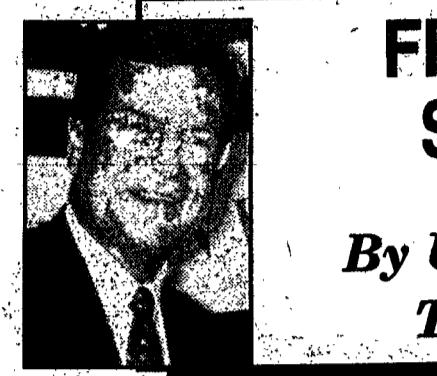
Elaine Chao is the ideal person to run this department, which is responsible for the administration of 180 federal statutes concerning workplace safety and workplace activities affecting 10 million American

businesses and 100 million American workers.

Secretary Chao understands the American entrepreneurial spirit. She is an embodiment of the American Dream, which we all credit for fostering our nation's economic strength.

When she came to America from Taiwan as a child, she did not speak English. Yet, she persevered to receive degrees from such distinguished institutions as Harvard, M.I.T., Dartmouth and Columbia University, eventually becoming the first Asian-American woman to serve in a Presidential cabinet.

In the long road to this job, she garnered an organizational background which is respected by a variety of interests. As President and CEO of the United Way, she is credited for



FROM THE SENATE

By U.S. Senator
Trent Lott

restoring confidence in America's largest institution for private charitable giving.

While serving as Director of the Peace Corps she helped establish some of the first Peace Corps programs in the former Soviet Union.

So, Secretary Chao knows how to get things done. She is putting those skills to work, with diverse support from both sides of the aisle, and even the

nation's most prominent labor leaders.

In her speech at Pascagoula, Secretary Chao outlined a number of steps taken by her department that are important to Mississippians.

First, she mentioned the 21st Century Workforce initiative. In basic terms, this is a program designed to bridge the gap

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Children's safety sacrificed to save money on bus routes

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the Hancock County school bus transportation changes.

My eight-year-old son will have to walk exactly 3/10th of a mile down a dirt road to a four-way crossing to catch the bus.

In the afternoon, he will have to walk 2/10ths of a mile down a road used by many as a main road in Bayside. This situation will also apply to children as young as five years old (Kindergarten).

My concerns?

First of all, my son suffers from migraines for which he is on daily medication (Popranolol).

Should he get a migraine on the way home, he would never make it down the road for walking.

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What about the children who must walk on busy roads? These roads do not have sidewalks. By the way, did they ever catch the hit-and-run driver that killed a young man walking on Hancock Drive in Bayside Park several years ago?

In addition, there are many stray dogs in Bayside Park that

could easily attack anyone walking down a road.

As was mentioned, the decision was made in order to cut the budget. It appears that our children's safety has been sacrificed for some money. I will remember this at election time.

In the Aug. 12 issue of the Sea Coast Echo, the Public Safety Planning's executive director urged parents and students to include safety in plans, such as watching your children until they get onto the bus. How can we if they are a 1/2 mile down the road? And also, encourage your children to walk in groups rather than alone. There are no other children to walk with mine.

Heaven forbid a thunderstorm comes along while our children are within their 3 or 6 10ths of a mile walk. As stated in the August 9 Sea Coast Echo under "Hancock schools revise bus transportation rules for 2001-02," established bus stops will be used regardless of weather conditions.

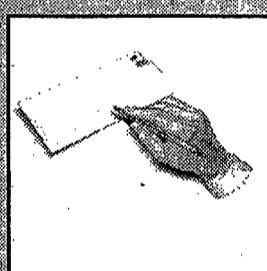
I have made one phone call after another, and no one could help me. You can! There is strength in numbers. Join me in requesting that this issue be placed on the agenda at the Sept. 6 board meeting. Send your request in writing to the Hancock County School Superintendent's office. Our children depend on it!

Judith Poolson
Hancock County

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



Port & Harbor needs to look at long-term lease for FBO

To the Editor:

About two years ago the Port and Harbor Commission contracted with the LPA Group to market Stennis International Airport. They were not able to market Stennis International Airport and now their contract has been terminated. I believe the problem lies with the current and previous Port and Harbor Authorities.

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Compliance officers prowl the streets

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

They look spiffy in their navy blue shorts and starched white shirts, but these two ladies are all business.

Hancock County's Sewer and Water District recently hired Theresa Mitchell and Susanna Davis as compliance officers. Their mission: To catch people who haven't yet hooked up to the county's sewerage system or those who are getting the benefits of sewerage connections, but are not being billed by the District.

When water comes into portions of the Shoreline Park Subdivision on the east side of state Hwy. 603 soon, the officers will take on the added responsibility of ensuring compliance by approximately 1,000 customers scheduled to receive water.

"Basically, we drive the roads to make sure people are hooked up to the system properly and legally," said Mitchell.

If they are not, the compliance officer gives the resident a "First and Final 30-day Notice."

The notice informs the resident, "It has been brought to your attention that your home is currently not hooked up to the county sewer system. According to the Hancock County Sewer Use Ordinance, it is mandatory that you comply...in order to avoid costly fines, penalties and being turned over to the Health Department, please bring this letter to our office (at 1113 U.S. Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis) within the next 30 days."

Mitchell said although it has been some time since sewerage came to Hancock County, some people in those areas are still not hooked up. "They have various excuses," she said.

A "First and Final 10 day Notice" is left at homes currently hooked up to the system, but not listed in the District's computer system.

It warns, "In order to rectify this situation, avoid costly fines, and bring your account up to date, please bring this letter to our office...within the next 10 days. Failure to do so

will result in possible fines, disconnection and being turned over to the Health Department."

Davis said besides a computer check, the compliance officers act on different leads. "Sometimes a neighbor rats on another neighbor," she said. "They don't think it's fair that they are having to pay \$35 a month for sewerage service, but their neighbor has hooked in illegally, and is not paying a penny."

In those cases, District Director Eddie Renz said the person is back-billed for the estimated time he has been on line illegally. If a compromise can't be reached on the amount owed, the District can threaten to pull the grinder at the outside connection and charge the customer a \$2640 fee to reconnect.

"Our focus is to bring everybody on line that should be on line," said Renz. He pointed out the District's sewerage system has grown threefold in recent years, and there are now approximately 4,000 customers south of Interstate 10 in Hancock County who are hooked up to the system.

"Total compliance may prevent having to raise everybody's monthly bills," he said.

Mitchell and Davis say they get all kinds of excuses from residents they approach.

"Some say they didn't know they had to hook up," said Mitchell. "Others who are hooked up say they didn't know they had to come to the District Office and pay a \$35 permit fee before connecting into the system," Davis said.

The compliance officers work out other problems, too. They said sometimes a person might have three addresses; one listed with 911, one on the mailbox and another address for the monthly sewerage bill. "We have to work with 911 to establish one address," said Mitchell.

Davis said the worst part of the job is confronting vicious dogs either roaming the streets or stationed in yards.

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the individuals on the Port and Harbor Authority know what a valuable asset Stennis is.

The Picayune Airport has jumped way ahead of Stennis in its effort to attract aircraft owners. They have new hangars for rent that are \$50 a month less than the same hangar at Stennis.

Some of the things the Port and Harbor Authority should consider:

1. A good FBO with the funds and ability to attract owners of jet aircraft.

2. Leasing land on a long-term basis to aircraft owners and encouraging them to build hangars that comply to a master plan.

3. Encouraging someone to build more "T" hangars for light aircraft that may want to become based at Stennis if the county is not interested in building the hangars. Rent must be comparable with other airports.

Sincerely yours,
J. R. Hopkins
Diamondhead

Constable East post

A fourth candidate has qualified to run for Hancock County Constable in the East District. The latest to qualify with the Circuit Clerk's office is Scott T. Duncan, a Diamondhead contractor.

Last week there were no new candidates for the Justice Court, East District seat. Twelve candidate have already qualified for that post.

Both positions will be filled in a special election scheduled for Nov. 6. The deadline for qualifying is Sept. 7.

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Lott -- listening and governing

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between less skilled and more skilled workers. It recognizes that one of the most difficult problems facing our nation today is not unemployment itself, but the skills gap that exists between the new jobs that are being created and the qualifications of many job seekers.

In Mississippi, this is certainly true. As applications for work at new facilities like the upcoming Nissan plant roll in, our state's workers must have a mechanism in place that helps displaced workers from older industries have a chance at getting these better paying, higher-skilled, better-benefit jobs.

The 21st Century Workforce Initiative seeks to engage these workers who may be feeling left out, including older workers, disabled Americans and the economically disadvantaged. In fact, at least 2,500 businesses have already signed up to provide assistive technologies to Americans with disabilities.

In terms of workplace regulation, this Department of Labor is not seeking to relax good standards, but rather to assist businesses in complying with sensible regulations.

I agree with Secretary Chao that government should offer a helping hand to those who want to do the right thing, instead of just leveling a heavy hand that distrusts the basically good intentions of most business people.

The Department of Labor has been working with employers from around the nation to get feedback from folks outside of Washington.

For instance, the Department is taking a new look at controversial ergonomics standards, with input from outside the beltway.

If necessary, this new Department of Labor stands ready to eradicate rules that just do not make sense. In another instance, the Department pulled back a wage and hour initiative against teenage volunteers serving at a non-profit hospital.

While from a sheer technical perspective this may have raised concerns of child labor, I think most folks outside Washington would agree this is

by no means an example of exploitation.

Elaine Chao's new approach at the Department of Labor is another example of the fresh approach the Bush

Administration has brought to Washington a group of leaders who recognize that listening is an inseparable part of governing.

Senator Lott welcomes any

questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. (Attn.: Press Office)

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors has under consideration a proposal to adopt their Fiscal Year 2001/2002 budget showing 5.8 percent increase in its property tax revenue due to county growth from all classes of property provided for in Section 112, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, as amended, with 0 millage increase, and to increase its total expenditure budget by 9 percent, due to Beach Renourishment Project.

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the budget on September 4, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the Courthouse located at 150 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

A final decision of the proposed budget will be made on September 4, 2001, in a public hearing to be held in the said Board of Supervisors' meeting room.

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TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County Mississippi
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High-tech -- new industrial park planned

have been working with the potential developers almost a year and a half. It would be one of the first private-public venture attempted in the state since the State Legislature passed a law allowing two such entities to work together and share in the cost of putting in drainage, streets and other infrastructure that would be needed to lure in new industry.

"We (the Port and Harbor, which runs the airport) already have 87 acres directly outside the airport," said Walters. "Our plans are to work in partnership with these developers to develop the entire 287 acres into a high-tech business park."

Walters said he and his staff have also had talks with several high-tech companies wanting to locate in Hancock County and near Stennis Airport.

He said, if the project gets the go-ahead, the Port and Harbor Commission would extend Road D from the airport to link with Hwy. 603. Initial plans for the high-tech park calls for 38 buildings to be situ-

ated along a tree-lined boulevard.

Records on file with the Secretary of State's office in Jackson show Hancock County Development, L.L.C. registered with the state as a Foreign Limited Liability Company last Feb. 28.

Rodney A. Pilot is identified as manager of the company and lists a Mobile address. The registered agent and registered office is listed as CT Corporation System, located in Flowood, Miss.

Contacted in Mobile, Pilot said he represents a group of developers, who are buying the 200-acre tract and who have options on at least 1,000 more acres in the vicinity. He said the high-tech park would be the key to future development.

"It's a pretty exciting project for that area," said Pilot. "It will be very positive for Hancock County and will bring in more jobs."

Pilot said Walters and his staff "have been very helpful and accommodating" during

negotiations.

He offered to give more information on the developers when he comes to town.

Rusty Miller was listed on the application on file with the Planning Commission, and the Echo also contacted him in Mobile. Miller said he was "the facilitator" working with the (John)White family of New Orleans, which owns almost 5,000 acres in the vicinity of I-10 and Hwy. 603, and wants to

sell it to developers.

Miller, who said he had a real estate license and a general contractor's license, said the majority of the land being assembled is plantation pine land, with only a small portion of wetlands located in the southeastern quadrant of the tract.

He said he also had discussions recently with members of the Southern Regional Wastewater District regarding

the sewerage needs for the high-tech park.

The ambitious conceptual plan on file with the Planning Commission calls for a 300-acre sports complex on the southwest quadrant of I-10 and Hwy. 603, and commercial development of 392 adjacent acres fronting Hwy. 603.

Further down Hwy. 603, the conceptual plan for development on the east side of the property calls for a 392-acre

golf course, surrounded by single-family homes fronting on the golf course or the Jourdan River. More residential development is planned to run along the east side of Hwy. 603 and include another 399-acre golf

course. On the west side of Hwy. 603, the conceptual plans call for extending the high-tech park all the way from I-10 to Stennis Airport Parkway.

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Bus -- policy

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of a mile of the main route. Under the new policy -- which has now been frozen pending further review -- buses only picked up students who lived within .6 of a mile from the main route.

That meant a lot more students would be walking farther to a consolidated bus stop.

In addition, the new policy designates that bus stops "will be established and will be used for all students in grades K-12, regardless of weather conditions."

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The board enacted the policy earlier this year at the request of then-district Transportation Director Lynn Payne.

In a letter to the board that Superintendent of Education Mike Ladner included in board packets, Payne wrote "If we are able to have consolidated bus stops, regardless of the weather, and increase the distance to .6 mile that individuals will be responsible to travel to get to a bus stop, we will be better able to maintain a consistent schedule."

This will also allow us to reduce the time that most students spend on the buses. By reducing the number of turnarounds, starts and stops that we have, we will reduce the time that students are in the danger zone of buses, as these are considered the most dangerous times and locations for

bus riders.

"Having buses making pickups on private roads creates many problems. Several of the roads are so rough that they are causing excessive wear on the buses and are creating an extremely rough ride for the students. This has caused many students to arrive at school feeling ill."

At the time, board member Peggy Ladner said she favored the new policy because some children under the old policy were forced to sit on the bus for hours each day. The board approved the measure, although member Larry Peterson cautioned the move would "open up a can of worms" and expose the district to criticism and litigation.

The superintendent refused to endorse the new policy.

The state Department of Education guidelines allow school boards to limit bus routes to within one mile, and urges board members to enact a policy based on "economy."

Peggy Ladner said Thursday that she is dismayed by the public perception that the board is just trying to save money with the new policy.

"I had one parent tell me, 'It's too hot for my daughter to walk .6 of a mile in the afternoon.' I told him, 'Well, I thought it was too hot for your daughter to sit on the bus for two hours in the afternoon.'

Ladner said she and other board members plan to discuss the new policy in great detail at workshop meetings before presenting a plan to parents.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Sept. 6.

"At that time," Ladner said, "we're going to clarify our new bus policy and set up workshops to straighten this out."

She said board members hope to have the matter ironed out quickly, with an Oct. 1 target date for getting the new routes and consolidated bus stops established.

GM&R school award upheld

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A St. Tammany Parish Judge this week refused a request to halt construction of a \$5.8 million school planned off Hwy. 41 in Pearl River, La.

Polk Construction Co., of Columbia, Miss., asked Judge Reginald Badeaux III for an injunction to halt the school project, which was awarded to GM&R. Construction of Waveland. The lawsuit claimed GM&R's bid, after add-ons, was actually \$6,068,000, nearly \$40,000 more than Polk's final bid.

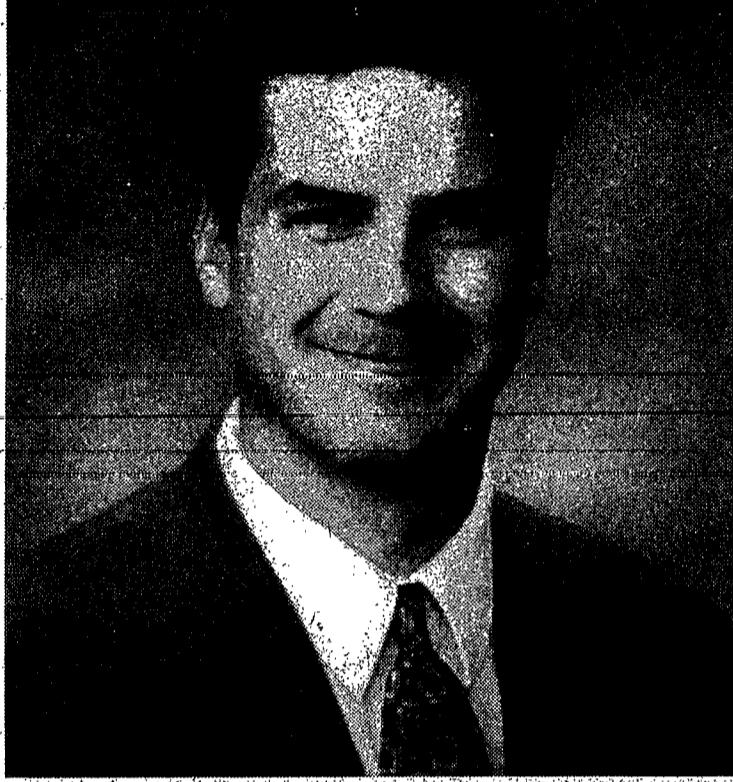
Still pending is another request by Polk, claiming dam-

ages to the profit the company would have earned had it been awarded the project.

Bruce Shreves, an attorney representing Polk, said the company had not decided whether to appeal Badeaux's decision, but would press on with the damages claim.

The 30-classroom school will serve as a middle school for about 500 sixth through eighth-graders. It is scheduled for completion for the 2002-2003 school year.

School board attorney Harry Pastuszek said the project could have been delayed for months had Badeaux issued an injunction.



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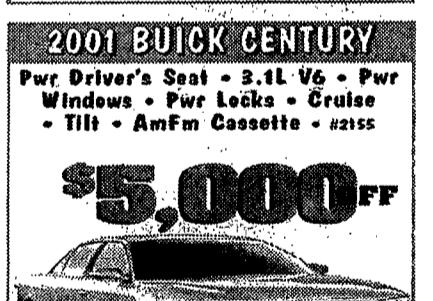
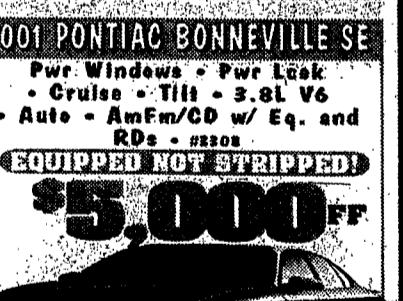
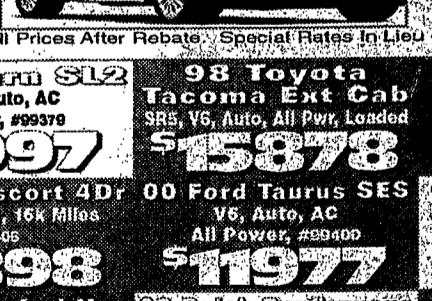
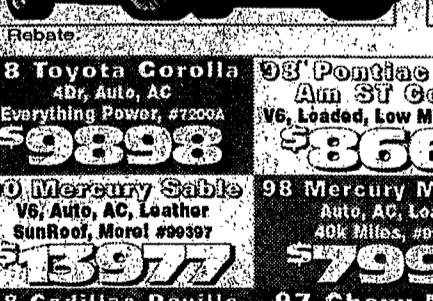
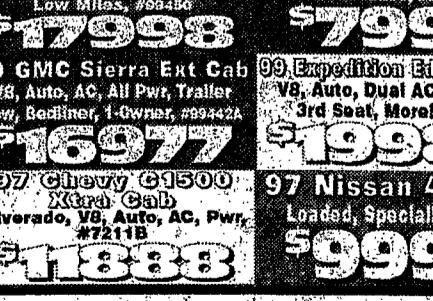
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SPORTS

Bay St. Louis, Hancock High players star for Babe Ruth World Series team

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Babe Ruth League in summer baseball. And, what better place to hold the tournament than the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast. This past week the 16-year old Babe Ruth World Series was held at Herbert Wilson Field in Gulfport. There were 16 teams from all over the country playing for the coveted championship.

Despite inclement weather that forced the tournament to start one day late and caused delays throughout the tournament, the site was packed with fans of baseball. Plus, Hancock County was well-represented.

The area had five players on the Gulf Coast team. Zack Zulli of Hancock, Dustin Coogan of St. Stanislaus, Guy Alleman, Aaron Morris, and Brandon Strong, all of Bay High, represented Hancock County.

The Gulf Coast team ended their run in the tournament with an 8-5 loss to Iron Area,



Zack Zulli

New Jersey, that represented the Middle Atlantic Division of Babe Ruth.

The team finished series play with a 2-2 record and were in a three-way tie with Iron Area, NJ and Bay City, Texas in round-robin play before the finals. Babe Ruth officials had

breakers because each team had identical records and had beaten each other in tournament play. The third tie-breaker was fewest runs allowed. Iron Area allowed 15 runs in four games while Bay City allowed 19 and Gulf Coast 20 runs, respectively.

A win over Iron Area would have thrust the Gulf Coast team into the single-elimination round due to an 11-1 win over Bay City on Wednesday, August 15.

Gulf Coast opened the scoring in their game with Iron Area in the first inning. Iron Area pitcher Josh Williams walked in Guy Alleman and Gulf Coast pitcher Zach Northington scored on an error to make the score 2-0.

Iron Area scored three runs in the third inning to take the lead 3-2. Gulf Coast reclaimed the lead in the fifth inning when SSC's Coogan had an RBI walk followed by Zulli's RBI single.

Iron Area scored twice in the bottom half of the fifth to take the lead for good.

In their first game of the tournament on Monday, August 13, Gulf Coast lost to San Gabriel Valley, CA by the score of 7-4. The California team represented the Pacific Southwest division of Babe Ruth. On Tuesday, August 14, Gulf Coast defeated Plymouth, Minnesota 14-4. That game did not end until 2 am on Wednesday due to rain delays.

On Wednesday, August 15, Gulf Coast improved to 2-1 in tournament play with an 11-1 win over Bay City, Texas. In that game the team completed a triple play when Bay City had a 1-0 lead and was looking to increase their lead. Ernest Pena hit a liner to Gulf Coast pitcher Chris Bucane who threw to Zulli to double up Ernie Tabares. Zulli fired a shot to first base to get Trent Mathias and complete the triple play.

The tournament will come to an end on Saturday, August 18 with San Gabriel Valley, California playing Loudoun County, Virginia for the title.

Bolduc to add punch to Mississippi Sea Wolves

The Mississippi Sea Wolves announced the signing of tough guy Tommy Bolduc for the 2001-2002 season.

The 6'2" 200-pound left wing compiled an impressive 468 penalty minutes last season in 62 games with the Quebec Remparts and the Victoriaville Tigers, both of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

Bolduc, who is the second African American to lace up the skates for the Sea Wolves, also tallied 6 goals and 11 assists in 2000-2001.

Bolduc's signing comes at the same time Sea Wolves' center

Mike Oliveira (12 goals, 17 assists, 29 points) was traded to the Arkansas Riverblades for future considerations.

"I definitely believe in this league you have to have a player who can keep the opposition in line. With the departure of Brad Essex, we knew this was a position we needed to fill," said Sea Wolves head coach Bob Woods.

"Tommy, as a young player, will come in here with a lot to prove, and I expect him to earn a reputation like Roger Maxwell had when he was a Sea Wolf."

BAYS schedules registration

Bay Area Youth Soccer (BAYS) announces registration for the 2001-02 soccer league. Registration will be at the following locations:

- Saturday, Aug. 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Street United Methodist Church, 162 Main Street, Bay St. Louis (corner of Main and Second streets). Please use the double red doors opening to Second Street.

- Saturday, Aug. 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Diamondhead East

Recreation Center

- Sunday, Aug. 26, 1-4 p.m., Bay Catholic Elementary School cafeteria, 301 Second Street, Bay St. Louis.

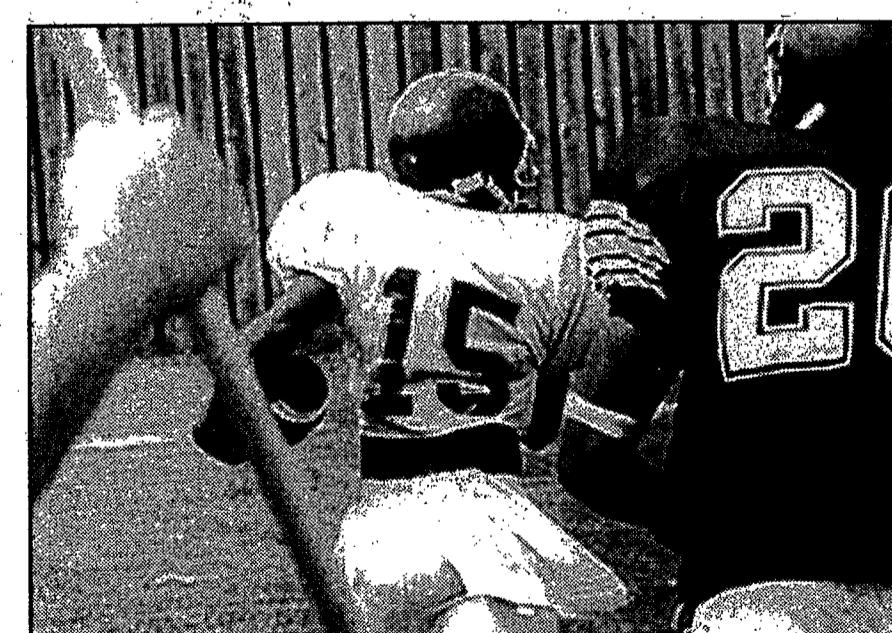
BAYS Board of Directors needs a secretary, a registrar trainee, commissioners, and referees. Please nominate interested persons by calling Steve Brettel at 466-2616.

For information, contact Brettel at 466-2616 or Kevin Headley at 466-2637.



Heat break

Pearl River Community College freshman defensive end Daryl Blappert of Bay St. Louis cools off with an ice-cold towel during a recent afternoon practice on the PRCC campus. First-year head coach Scott Maxfield's Wildcats are suffering through the heat and humidity in preparation for their 2001 season opener against Coahoma in Doble Holden Stadium Thursday, Sept. 6. Blappert (6-foot-6, 270 pounds) is a leading contender for a starting berth on the PRCC defensive front. — PRCC Sports Information Photo



Speedster

Pearl River Community College sophomore speedster Darryl Williams (15) of Hancock County bursts down the sideline for a 45-yard touchdown in a recent scrimmage. Williams, affectionately known as "Red Squirrel" by his coaches and teammates, is one of the fastest Wildcats on first-year head coach Scott Maxfield's team, boasting a 4.45-second time in the 40-yard dash. Williams was PRCC's leading kickoff returner last season, averaging 22.5 yards per return. The 5-foot-10, 165-pound running back returned one boot for an 87-yard touchdown last fall against then-No. 7-ranked Southwest, spurring a stunning 20-17 upset victory. Pearl River opens its 2001 season Thursday, Sept. 6, against Coahoma in Doble Holden Stadium on the PRCC campus. — PRCC Sports Information Photo

Lady Tigers lose in volleyball

The Bay High School Lady Tigers were defeated by the St. Martin Lady Yellowjackets 7-15, 15-11, 6-15 Thursday night in volleyball action.

Carmen Labat and Preena Conaway had eight and seven points respectively for Bay High.

In the junior varsity contest, St. Martin won 4-15, 15-7, 15-6.

Bay High will host cross-town rival Our Lady Academy

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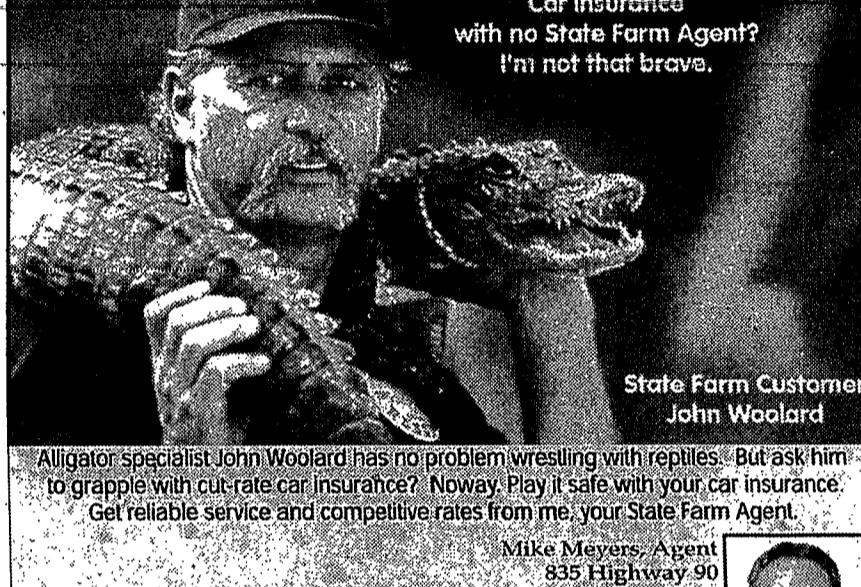
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Obituaries

GLORIA P. BAUMANN
JOSEPH CHAPMAN
R. DEDEAUX SR.
REANA LEE
MAE MARTIN

GLORIA P. BAUMANN

Gloria Pradat Baumann, 79, of Waveland, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Baumann was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Waveland for 20 years. She was of the Catholic faith and a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland.

She retired from First National Bank of Commerce in New Orleans.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sidney Alden and Ernestine Garza Pradat.

Survivors include her son, Jules F. Baumann Jr. of Slidell; sister Claine P. Huff of Waveland; two grandsons, Jules and Todd Baumann of Baton Rouge; and four nephews, Fred, Alden, Timothy and Wade Huff of New Orleans.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 9:30 a.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis.

A funeral procession will leave the funeral home at 10:40 a.m. for a mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. at St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland.

A graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Greenwood Cemetery in New Orleans. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

JOSEPH CHAPMAN

Joseph B. Chapman, 64, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2001, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Chapman was born in Jackson and had lived on the Gulf Coast since 1990. He was a 1956 graduate of Sewanee Military Academy and received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Alabama. He was a financial planner with E. F. Hutton in New York and Goodbody and Co. in Clearwater, Fla. He was an artist and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Chapman Sr.; and a son, Joseph B. Chapman III. Survivors include his wife, Fran Sibert Chapman of Pass Christian; a daughter, Heather Kendall of Tampa Bay, Fla.; a brother, David Chapman of Anger, France; and three grandsons.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian, directed by Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.

The family prefers memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn.: Memorial/Honor Program, One St. Jude Place Building, Memphis, TN 38148-0552.

R. DEDEAUX SR.

Reginald "Bull" Dedeaux Sr., 70, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2001, in Biloxi.

Mr. Dedeaux was born May 16, 1931, in DeLisle and remained a lifelong resident. He was a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church in DeLisle and of Knights of Peter Claver, Fourth Degree. He was an Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Lena

Callahan Dedeaux; a son, Carter Dedeaux; three brothers, Odell Dedeaux, Vernet Dedeaux and Earl Dedeaux; a stepbrother, Odeal Farconeture; and a grandchild.

Survivors include his wife, Almarie Dedeaux of DeLisle; six sons, Malcolm Dedeaux of Gulfport, Paul Dedeaux of Killeen, Texas, Reginald Dedeaux Jr., Dwight Dedeaux, Richard Dedeaux and Michael Dedeaux, all of DeLisle; three daughters, Regina Cook of DeLisle, Alfreda Dedeaux of Pass Christian and Martha Carmichael of Long Beach; two sisters, Rose Marie Dedeaux of DeLisle and Loretta Labat of Bay St. Louis; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at St. Stephen Catholic Church in DeLisle, followed by burial in St. Stephen Cemetery directed by Lockett Williams' Mortuary in Gulfport.

REANA LEE

Reana Lee, 62, of Kiln, died Friday, Aug. 17, 2001 at Slidell.

Mr. Lee was a member of Knights of Columbus, Fr. Denis Council #7807 Kiln.

He was preceded in death by his wife Verneil Peterson Lee; his parents, Francis and Minnie Lee; and brother, James Lee.

Survivors include sons Rodney Lee and Tracy Lee, both of Kiln; brothers Alvin "Sonny" Lee of Riceville and Buddy Lee of Houma; sisters Myrtle Lee and Henrietta Lee, both of Picayune, Mary Alice Ladner of Perkinston and Dolly Lee of Poplarville; and five grandchildren.

Visitation will be after 6 p.m. today at St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church in the

White Cypress Community, with recitation of the rosary at 8 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday at the church. Burial will follow in the Necaise Crossing Cemetery.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

MAE MARTIN

Mae Martin, 84, of Pass Christian, died Friday, Aug. 17, 2001, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Martin was born Nov. 2, 1916, in Pass Christian and was a life-long resident of Harrison County. She was previously employed at MAC Smith garment factory, and was a life-long member of Wolf Creek Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elvin Martin; daughter, Ruby Kowaski; parents, John and Laura Deschamp; brothers Ben and Sollie Deschamp; sisters Hollie Cuevas, Nollie Cuevas and Grace Ladner; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Survivors include sons Jimmy Dale Cuevas, Hayward Cuevas, Evin Martin Jr. and Bruce Martin, all of Pass Christian, and Roy Lee Cuevas of Kiln; daughter Eula Mae Ladner of Kiln; 37 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be after 5 p.m. Monday at Wolf Creek Baptist Church. Funeral services begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Burial will follow in the Standard Sandhill Cemetery.

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The Sea Coast Echo

BUSINESS NEWS

Port Symposium to focus on Western trade

BY JACK MITCHELL

Maximizing trade opportunities in the Western Hemisphere and running a safe, efficient port will be the focus of Port Symposium 2001.

Sponsored by the International Port School at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast and the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, the symposium will be held Oct. 31-Nov. 2 at the Grand Casino Oasis Resort in Gulfport.

Under the theme, "Trade in the Western Hemisphere," the three-day symposium will feature top presenters on a variety of port-related topics.

"The idea was to appeal to as many trade interests as we could and be as educational as possible," said Andy Fobes, communications manager for the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport. "The scope is impressive and thorough."

The first day of the symposium, Oct. 31, will be highlighted by a golf tournament at Grand Bear Golf Course, an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus signature course just outside of Gulfport. A reception and golf awards ceremony will be held that evening in the hotel ballroom.

On Nov. 1, the day will begin with an 8:30 a.m. session on "Trends and Impacts of International Trade Agreements," which will focus on NAFTA, the African-Caribbean Basin Trade Initiative and the South American Trade Agreement. A presentation also will be made on the Latin American trade and transportation final study.

The second session will look at port planning issues -- including research, engineering, navigation and harbors, and environmental concerns. The afternoon session will deal with security issues and trends.

"Len Cross, one of the top experts in port security issues, will be back this year," Fobes said. "Security is such an important issue that we have given him more time."

The next day, the morning session will delve into financing port projects through non-traditional, governmental or conventional private sources, and port financial administration.

The second session will examine port operations, from harbor pilots and stevedoring services to terminal management.

The afternoon will open with a session on working with port facilitators -- including customs house brokers, shipping agents and freight forwarders.

The final session, Fobes said, will include case studies of inland shallow draft ports, coastal medium draft ports and deep draft ports.

"I think kudos go to the coast for hosting an international program like this," Fobes said.

"This will bring in top-level professionals from the industry."

The symposium will be the second offered by USMGC and the Port of Gulfport. Last year, Port Symposium 2000 attracted approximately 150 industry representatives and government officials from 19 states and five countries.

"Last year, we got a lot of positive feedback from our first port symposium, when we had participants from 16 states and four countries," said Dayonne McGuire, director of continuing education at USMGC. "It was very well received."

The fee for Port Symposium 2001 is \$295, with discounts for early and multiple registrations. Presentation sponsorships are also available, McGuire said.

Pre-registration may be completed on-line at <symposium.mississippi.com> <http://symposium.mississippi.com>



FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by Craig Foster
Edward Jones Co.

What to expect after interest rate cuts

Throughout much of 1999 and 2000, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates in an effort to head off inflation. But in 2001, the Fed reversed its stance in response to a slowing economy and is now actively cutting rates. These cuts make big stories in the newspapers. But what do they mean for you?

As a borrower, you might find that lower interest rates could help you significantly. For example, you may be able to refinance your home at a lower rate. Or, if you have credit card balances or other types of consumer loans, you may be able to save money with lower interest payments and speed your progress toward eliminating these debts.

In short, it's pretty clear how lower interest rates can help you as a borrower or consumer. But how about as an investor? What will lower interest rates mean to you as you plan your investment strategy?

You've probably heard that, in general, falling interest rates are good for stocks. Why? Because lower interest rates make it easier for companies to borrow -- and thus expand their operations. That's why the stock market typically rallies after

interest rate cuts. Of course, to say the market does well after the Fed cuts interest rates is a broad generalization. Of the thousands of stocks out there, not all will benefit equally from interest rate reductions.

It's impossible to predict which individual stocks will respond most favorably to interest rate cuts. (In fact, it's impossible to accurately predict any occurrence in the financial markets.)

However, some market sectors have traditionally done better in an environment in which rates are declining.

For example, 12 months after the Fed's initial interest rate reductions in 1990, 1995 and 1998, financial-services stocks were up 32 percent, health care stocks were up 31 percent, and consumer cyclical (such as auto companies) were up 25 percent, according to research by Credit Suisse First Boston.

Does this mean you should start loading up on stocks within the sectors that performed well following previous rate cuts? Not necessarily. When choosing stocks, you may want

to factor in the possible effects of interest rate reductions, but you still have to look at a company's fundamentals.

Is its management sound? Are its products competitive? Does it seem to have an established niche in the marketplace? Plus, you'll want to look at the stock's valuation.

Does it have a reasonable price-to-earnings ratio? If the P/E is very high, you'll be paying a big premium for just the prospect of future earnings -- and that could be risky.

Furthermore, you'll still have to make sure your portfolio is properly diversified, with a mix of stocks, bonds and government securities.

And you'll still need to choose investments that fit your tolerance for risk and your time horizon. These basic tenets of long-term investing will always be important -- no matter where interest rates are moving.

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 Gloria Pradat Baumann, 79, of Waveland, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Baumann was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Waveland for 20 years. She was of the Catholic faith and a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland. She retired from First National Bank of Commerce in New Orleans.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sidney Alden and Ernestine Garza Pradat.

Survivors include her son, Jules F. Baumann Jr. of Slidell; sister Claine P. Huff of Waveland; two grandsons, Jules and Todd Baumann of Baton Rouge; and four nephews, Fred, Alden, Timothy and Wade Huff of New Orleans.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis.

A funeral procession will leave the funeral home at 10:40 a.m. for a mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. at St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland.

A graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Greenwood Cemetery in New Orleans. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

JOSEPH CHAPMAN
 Joseph B. Chapman, 64, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2001, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Chapman was born in Jackson and had lived on the Gulf Coast since 1990. He was a 1956 graduate of Sewanee Military Academy and received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Alabama. He was a financial planner with E. F. Hutton in New York and Goodbody & Co. in Clearwater, Fla. He was an artist and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Chapman Sr.; and a son, Joseph B. Chapman III.

Survivors include his wife, Fran Sibert Chapman of Pass Christian; a daughter, Heather Kendall of Tampa Bay, Fla.; a brother, David Chapman of Anger, France; and three grandsons.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian, directed by Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.

The family prefers memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn.: Memorial/Honor Program, One St. Jude Place Building, Memphis, TN 38148-0552.

R. DEDEAUX SR.

Reginald "Bull" Dedeaux Sr., 70, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2001, in Biloxi.

Mr. Dedeaux was born May 16, 1931, in DeLisle and remained a lifelong resident. He was a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church in DeLisle and of Knights of Peter Claver, Fourth Degree. He was an Army veteran.

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Callahan Dedeaux; a son, Carter Dedeaux; three brothers, Odell Dedeaux, Vernet Dedeaux and Earl Dedeaux; a stepsister, Odeal Farconeture; and a grandchild. Survivors include his wife, Almarie Dedeaux of DeLisle; six sons, Malcom Dedeaux of Gulfport, Paul Dedeaux of Killeen, Texas, Reginald Dedeaux Jr., Dwight Dedeaux, Richard Dedeaux and Michael Dedeaux, all of DeLisle; three daughters, Regina Cook of DeLisle, Alfreda Dedeaux of Pass Christian and Marsha Carmichael of Long Beach; two sisters, Rose Marie Dedeaux of DeLisle and Loretta Labat of Bay St. Louis; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at St. Stephen Catholic Church in DeLisle, followed by burial in St. Stephen Cemetery directed by Lockett Williams' Mortuary in Gulfport.

REANA LEE
 Reana Lee, 62, of Kiln, died Friday, Aug. 17, 2001 at Slidell.

Mr. Lee was a member of Knights of Columbus, Fr. Denis Council #7807 Kiln. He was preceded in death by her husband, Elvin Martin; daughter, Ruby Kowaski; parents, John and Laura Deschamp; brothers Ben and Sollie Deschamp; sisters Hollie Cuevas, Nollie Cuevas and Grace Ladner; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Survivors include sons Jimmy Dale Cuevas, Hayward Cuevas, Elvin Martin, Bruce Martin, all of Pass Christian, and Roy Lee of Kiln; daughter, Linda Ladner of Kiln; 37 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Visitation will be 6 p.m. Monday at W.L. Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Services begin at 10 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in the Standard Cemetery.

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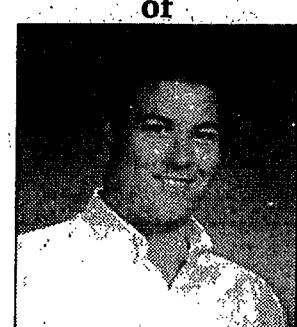
The voice mute and still the heart, That loved us well and true, Ah bitter was the trial to part from one so good as you.

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"We have one booth left. It's almost a sellout," said an excited Mickey Lagasse, chairman of the Hancock Chamber's Member Services Committee, sponsors of the event.

"A total of 79 businesses and industries have signed up for space to display their products and services, with availability to 80 businesses."

Hundreds of visitors are expected to visit the trade show at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road in Bay St. Louis.

Refreshments will be available.

A number of door prizes will be given away during the day, with a grand prize drawing for \$1,000 at 6:30 p.m. To enter the grand prize drawing, a percentage of the booths must be visited. The winner need not be present to win.

"The Member Services Committee, under the leadership of Mickey Lagasse and Amy Corr, has done a wonderful job with the Expo this year," said Dusty Rhodes, Chamber president.

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COCA COLA/KO	47.54	+ 1.87
CSX CORP/CSX	36.70	- 2.69
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As a borrower, you might find that lower interest rates could help you significantly. For example, you may be able to refinance your home at a lower rate. Or, if you have credit card balances or other types of consumer loans, you may be able to save money with lower interest payments and speed your progress toward eliminating these debts.

In short, it's pretty clear how lower interest rates can help you as a borrower or consumer. But how about as an investor? What will lower interest rates mean to you as you plan your investment strategy?

You've probably heard that, in general, falling interest rates are good for stocks. Why? Because lower interest rates make it easier for companies to borrow -- and thus expand their operations. That's why the stock market typically rallies after

interest rate cuts. Of course, to say the market does well after the Fed cuts interest rates is a broad generalization. Of the thousands of stocks out there, not all will benefit equally from interest rate reductions.

It's impossible to predict which individual stocks will respond most favorably to interest rate cuts. (In fact, it's impossible to accurately predict any occurrence in the financial markets.)

However, some market sectors have traditionally done better in an environment in which rates are declining.

For example, 12 months after the Fed's initial interest rate reductions in 1990, 1995 and 1998, financial-services stocks were up 32 percent, health care stocks were up 31 percent, and consumer cyclicals (such as auto companies) were up 25 percent, according to research by Credit Suisse First Boston.

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Does it have a reasonable price-to-earnings ratio? If the P/E is very high, you'll be paying a big premium for just the prospect of future earnings -- and that could be risky.

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Entertainment

Grand Bay NERR offers 'Adventure' series

The Department of Marine Resources' (DMR) Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (GBNERR) is initiating a series of free, family-oriented, outdoor activities at the reserve's main headquarters building located near Bayou Heron in southeastern Jackson County.

These activities will take place on the last Saturday of each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

The DMR and GBNERR encourage local families to participate in these free programs.

"The more often the members of our community are exposed to the wonders of our coastal habitats," said Jennifer Buchanan, education coordinator with the GBNERR, "the more likely they will be to protect the valuable resources found along the Coast."

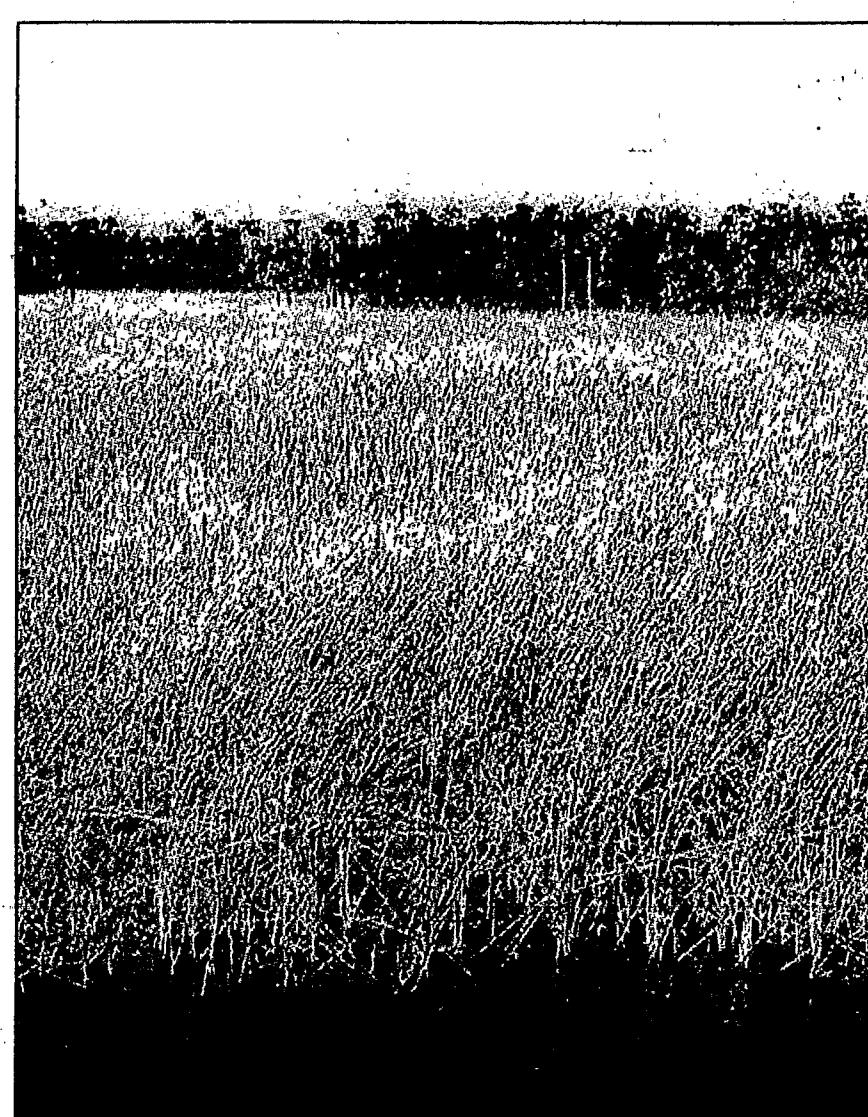
The first Adventure Quencher activity is scheduled for Saturday, August 25. DMR Fisheries Biologist Joe Jewell will demonstrate how to knit a cast net and how to cast a net properly.

The afternoon promises to be both fun and educational. Participants are asked to bring their own nets; however, there will be several nets on hand for practice.

The Second Adventure Quencher participation in the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup will take place Saturday, Sept. 15.

On this Saturday, volunteers will gather to help clean up the reserve. The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup is held each year on the third Saturday in September in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup.

Canoeists and kayakers are encouraged to join with the staff of the reserve to clean up Bayou



Part of the Department of Marine Resources' Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Preserve.

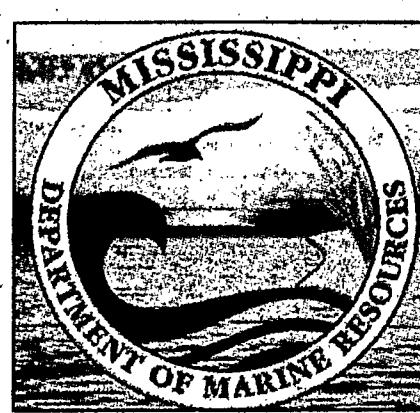
Heron. Those who lack access to a canoe or kayak may also contribute greatly by cleaning up the shoreline areas adjacent to the boat launches.

This activity will begin at 8 a.m. and continue to 11 a.m. or until the bayou is clean. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please call the reserve office to pre-register. Volunteers under the age of 21 must have their parents sign a release in order to participate.

In October the Adventure Quencher program returns to

its regular date and time, the last Saturday in the month, Oct. 27. Donna Bush, a nature photographer, will give advice on outdoor photo essentials and demonstrate several of her techniques to all who are interested in capturing outdoor scenes, flowers and wildlife on film.

Photographers of all ages and expertise are invited to attend and bring their cameras. Come dressed to tromp around in the field.



For more information on the "Adventure Quenchers" program or other activities sponsored by the GBNERR, contact Jennifer Buchanan at (228) 475-7047. Although not required, participants in each of the scheduled events are encouraged to call the reserve office and pre-register.

The GBNERR is located near the community of Pecan in southeast Jackson County and includes wild lands and waterways from Bangs Lake to the Alabama state line.

A major goal of the reserve is to provide for research coordination and dissemination of scientific data to the community and local decision-makers to provide sound information on which to base management decisions.

The 18,000-acre reserve is home to several rare or endangered plant and animal species and serves as an essential nursery habitat for numerous important commercial and recreational fish species.

GBNERR is managed through state-federal partnership between the DMR and its local partners - Mississippi Secretary of State's Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mississippi State University and The Nature Conservancy and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Pass's 'Collage' lives!

"Collage," the annual arts festival in Pass Christian has traveled a rocky road this year. The organization that was to have taken over the operations for the show was forced by circumstances to back away from the project, and it seemed it was too late to revive the show for this year.

But three determined artists worked out a plan, and the show will be Sept. 29 and 30 in downtown Pass Christian, headquartered at Botanica, 118 West Scenic Drive.

Helen Caire, an experienced weaver; Terry Scott, popular area silversmith-jeweler; and Betsy Burgess of Botanica, garden expert whose whimsical painted furniture is in great demand, have, with the help of the City of Pass Christian, local merchants, and the Pass

Christian Chamber of Commerce, been busy putting together a weekend for artists along the streets of downtown Pass Christian.

Because it necessarily must be smaller in scale than in years past, this year's show will be called "Petite Collage."

Again there will be top potters, ceramists and artists in all fields.

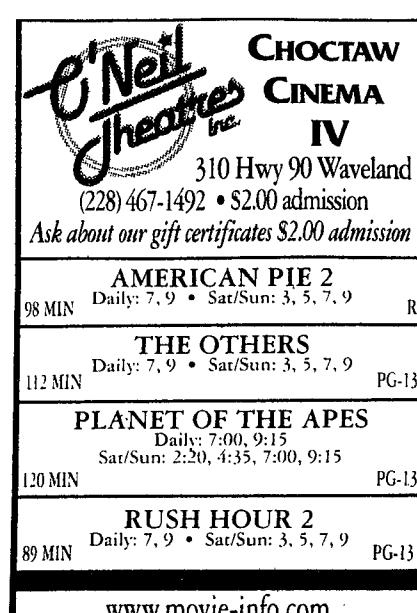
In 2002 Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce and the City of Pass Christian will take charge, and there will be again room for many artists coming from all around the country.

Artists interested in Petite Collage should contact Terry Scott at 452-2155 or Malee Hearin at 452-2140 for exhibit information and availability. Non-refundable space fee is \$40 per space per person.

Classes at Discovery Center

WINGS Performing Arts Program at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center is accepting students in classes that begin Sept. 3. Classes are in Acting, Stage Craft, Suzuki Violin and Guitar, Dance, Voice and Chorus. Acting engages students in fun, fast-paced improvisational games that develop stage confidence, imagination and creativity. The class is designed for children ages 9-14.

Stage Craft involves students in basic set design and carpentry, prop making methods and costuming with basic sewing skills. Suzuki Violin and Guitar offers children ages 3-5 an opportunity to play beautiful music while developing manual dexterity, coordination, discipline, self-esteem and concentration. Dance, Voice and Chorus classes are ongoing through the school year. Dance features ballet and jazz for chil-



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Country roads, take me home!

Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
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Beach Blvd.: Just a two-lane county road, but it's ours

I was at nearby Port Bienville to look at an Indian mound located in a nature area protected by one of the port's resident companies.

When the company representative and I arrived and started walking toward the mound, a cloud of vicious biting flies rose up around us. We left hurriedly in the small company golf cart with hundreds of the flies clinging to the cart, biting us as we fled.

Later, when I sat and rubbed alcohol on the worst of these bites, I wondered how the original settlers stood what must have been the continuous onslaught of these and other insects.

I don't believe we are pioneers of the mettle of our ancestors. I doubt if many of us could stand the marshy coastline with the biting flies, no-seasums, and mosquitoes that faced d'Iberville and his men 300 years ago.

It wasn't just insects; life was extremely primitive and the Coastal communities that came into being were small and isolated from one another.

Fishing and hunting and some farming provided the basic essentials for life. Crude roads, bridges and ferries were built to join these isolated communities, but most traffic was by boat.

Things have changed from these crude beginnings, and we have changed them. Roads now criss-cross the area, bringing necessities as well as necessities.

In fact, much of the shape of our present coastline is man-made, changed due to the requirements of these roads. As a result, the coast has gradually evolved to its present state as a growing population has placed demands to change the natural order of the coastline into something that is comfortable but still retaining the Coast's unique environment and the lifestyle associated with it.

To us in Waveland and Bay

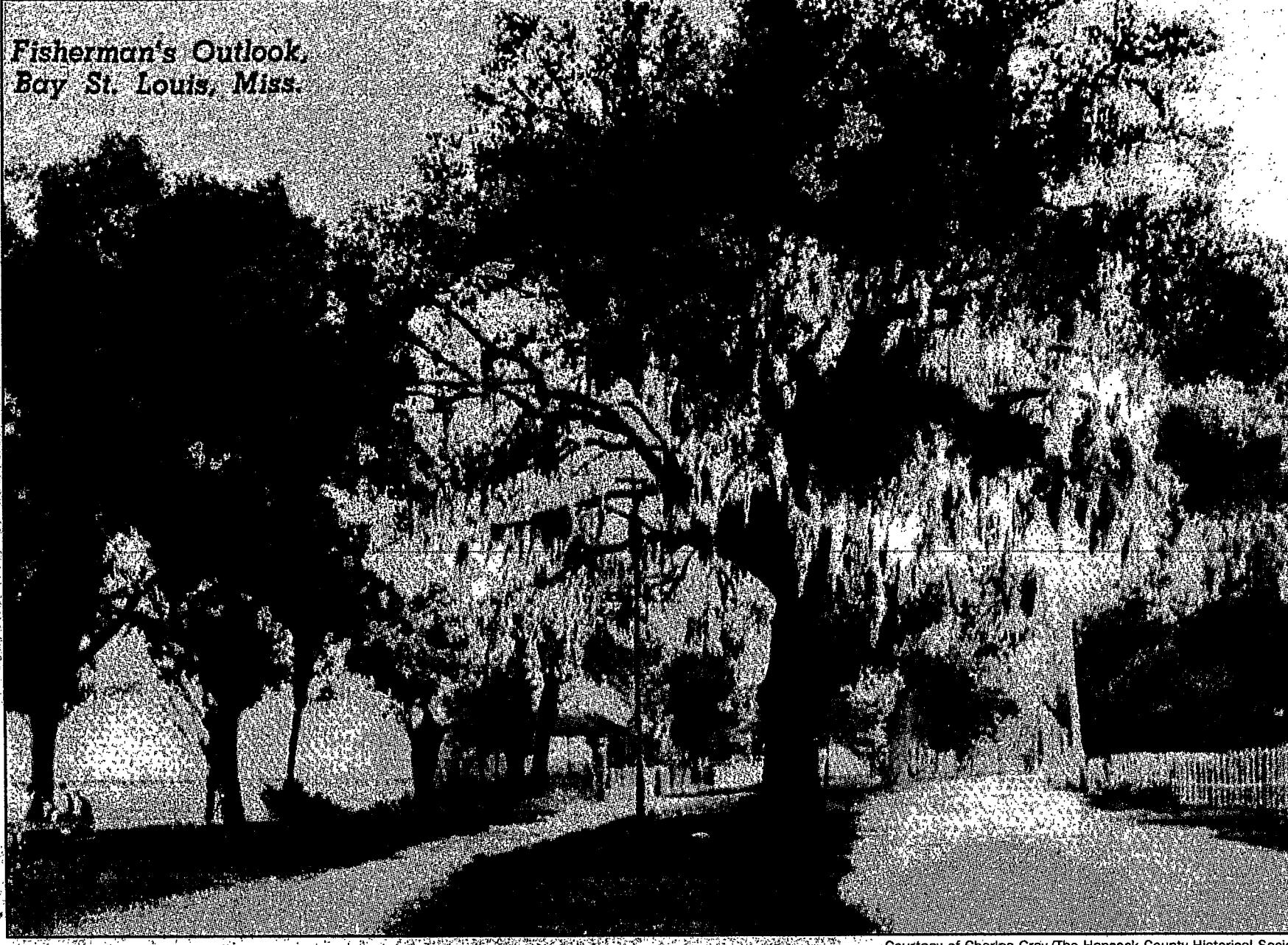
St. Louis, our beach road is an essential part of that lifestyle. Although the road was basically built as a transportation link between the towns, it has developed over the years a subtle, but vital, importance. It's hard to explain this subtlety but I will try:

First, take a good look at the road itself.

Although called "Beach Boulevard," it is only two-lanes wide, with no shoulders on one side, and a speed limit of 25 mph. On one side lie sand and the waters of the Bay and Sound and all the rich natural beauty and excitement that go with these.

On the other side there are expanses of grass, sprawling masses of ancient live oaks with dripping Spanish moss and old and new homes. Every so often there are culverts that briefly dip under the road, draining the land, bringing a

Fisherman's Outlook,
Bay St. Louis, Miss.



Courtesy of Charles Gray/The Hancock County Historical Society

A vintage picture-postcard of Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis, c. 1890-1900, back when the roadway truly was a divided boulevard. That changed around the turn of the century thanks to a hurricane, but the middle row of trees in this picture still survives.



Courtesy of Charles Gray/The Hancock County Historical Society

rich largess of minerals and fauna to expand the life in the Bay and Sound.

Except for weekends and holidays, it is normally a quiet, almost rural road. On early

mornings, on the road's land side there are often pickup trucks parked on the grass shoulders. These sit empty and stay that way for hours. Looking to the water one can see the owners of these trucks

wade fishing in the water, usually near the culverts.

Later in the day, cars begin to replace the pickups parked on the grass berm. One can see their owners on the beach side, lone sunbathers and mothers

and their children enjoying the sun, the beach and the water. These are sparsely scattered like accent points of color on the pristine yellow sands of the beach.

On weekends all of this builds to a sort of crescendo, and the increase in cars is mixed with an increase in trucks and the beach people are now larger family groupings that mix freely with more fishermen and boisterous, noisy teenagers.

The males of the last, are best seen cruising the road, looking, with their music pouring loudly from the road onto the beach. The girls lay on the beach waiting, listening and being seen.

It becomes quieter toward evening. A jogger goes by or a stroller, each taking advantage of the coolness of the late hours and the beauty of the beach in the late sun's light.

The colors of this late day's light vary, changing from minute to minute, deepening and then becoming the dark of night. Even then the joggers and strollers continue, enjoying the softness of the night's low

light and almost solitude of an evening run or walk.

During summer, when first night comes, there are both cars and trucks parked by the road, and out in the dark water you can see wandering fireflies of light moving in graceful magic dances over the water. These are the truck erstwhile occupants.

Like lemmings, they have returned to the sea, floundering with gigs and lights and quiet noise and for the children with them, new and wondrous memories.

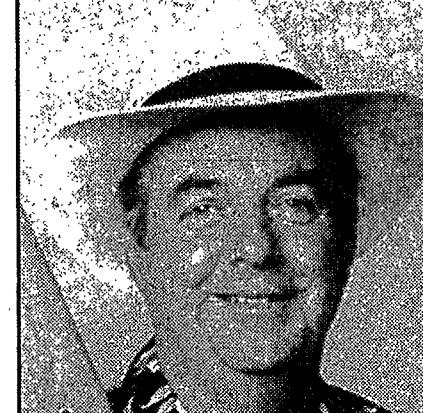
If there is a moon, especially a full moon, the beauty of the scene of the moonlit beach and its dancing lights provides memories as well to the passing motorists that see them from the road.

As the evening grows later and night grows into the small hours, it becomes even stiller. The traffic during these is almost non-existent. You could probably catnap on the road's faded median line for a half hour and not be disturbed.

Sit under an old oak for a day

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Dog days of summer signal time to plant for fall color



SOUTHERN GARDENING
BY NORMAN WINTER
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While the hot, muggy dog days of summer make you want to forget gardening and board an Alaskan cruise, it should sig-

nal you to get out and plant. The planting I refer to is sowing seeds of some great fall-blooming plants, namely zinnias and marigolds.

In the past, I have tempted you to try the tall, cut flower-type zinnias like the Benary Giants from Germany. Now I would like to urge you to get your tired landscape on a road to beautification for fall and football weather with Dreamland zinnias.

When I think about landscape performance, the first zinnia that comes to mind is the Dreamland. The Dreamland zinnia has been used all over the campus of Mississippi State University in Starkville to add bold color for visitors and students.

These zinnias produce enor-

mous flowers reaching close to 4 inches wide. The bright, colorful flowers are produced on short, stocky plants that reach just 18 inches tall, so they need no staking and will not fall over.

Many of you may be thinking that zinnias get leaf spotting diseases. This is a problem with some varieties, but if you look at the foliage of the Dreamland zinnias, you will quickly notice there is hardly any leaf spotting disease. This makes the series an environmentally friendly performer in Southern landscapes.

Dreamland zinnias with their bright, colorful, dahlia-like blossoms look good grown as a mixture or in single colors. On campus they have mixes planted with elephant ears to give a tropical look. If you go by North

Park Mall in Jackson, you will see them used in single colors with marigolds, Tropicanna and ornamental sweet potatoes. Dreamland zinnias are available in colors sure to fit your palette.

When you consider that the colors of fall are oranges, yellows and reds, then the marigold may be the ideal plant. They are loaded with bold colors and bold flowers that range in size from a quarter to a tennis ball. While primarily considered for spring, they are ideal for fall.

Your marigolds may be loaded with spider mites and you have come to hate them. The truth is, spring planted marigolds are susceptible to spider mites, especially as it heats up in the summer.

Research in Texas has shown

that marigolds planted in August are not nearly so plagued by spider mites because their reproductive rates change as they head into fall.

Large flowered, compact varieties like Antigua, Voyager and Discover excel in the landscape, as do the slightly larger Inca and Marvel. The smaller, multi-colored, Safari and Bonanza are also knockout performers.

Whether you want Dreamland zinnias or marigolds, prepare your beds by incorporating 3 to 4 inches of organic matter and 2 pounds of a slow release 12-6-6 fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed space. Direct seed or set out transplants that have little to no color showing.

Thin the seedlings to proper

spacing for the vigorous growth that is about to occur. Mulch when the seedlings are large enough or after setting out transplants. Side-dress the young plants in six to eight weeks with light applications of the fertilizer.

Both zinnias and marigolds combine nicely with other colorful fall flowers like mums, Mexican bush sage and asters. You will notice they bloom before and after mums, and they are downright inexpensive.

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What's for Lunch?

Aug. 20-24

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AUGUST 20-24**

	BBQ Sauce, Hot Sauce or Taco Sauce BREAKFAST	Sandwich, Parslied Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Coleslaw, Peach Slices, Juice, Cornbread, Vanilla Pudding
Monday:	Cereal or Egg and Biscuit, Cinnamon Toast, Juice	Tuesday: Lasagna, Turkey Sub with Gravy, Chef Salad, French Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Broccoli Salad, Chilled Pear Slices, Fruit Juice, Garlic Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Oatmeal Cookies
Wednesday:	Cereal or Biscuit and Ham, Cinnamon Toast, Juice	Wednesday: Chicken Spaghetti, Hamburger, Chef Salad, Tater Tots, Green Peas, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Biscuits, Crackers, Fruit Crisp
Thursday:	Cereal or Pancakes, Cinnamon Toast, Juice	Thursday: BBQ Chicken, Meatball Hot Pocket, Chef Salad, Mashed Potatoes with Cheese, Baked Beans, Confetti Coleslaw, Peach Cup, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Crackers, Brownies
Friday:	Cereal or Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich, Cinnamon Toast, Juice	Friday: Nachos Grande, Pizza, French Fries, Broccoli/Cheese/Rice, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruit Juice, Ice Cream Sandwich
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Tuesday:	Lasagna, Turkey Sub with Gravy, Chef Salad, French Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Broccoli Salad, Chilled Pear Slices, Fruit Juice, Garlic Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Oatmeal Cookies	Monday: French Toast Sticks, Juice
Wednesday:	Chicken Gumbo with Rice, Corn Dog Nuggets, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Peanut Butter Chew, Crackers	Tuesday: Cinnamon Raisin Biscuit, Juice
Thursday:	Taco Salad, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Cream-Style Corn, Cheesy Broccoli, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Chilled Pears	Wednesday: Breakfast Bagel, Juice
Friday:	Lasagna, Texas Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cajun Fries, Green Peas, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Tropical Fruit Mix, Yellow Cake with Icing, Yeast Roll	Thursday: Sausage-Egg Biscuit, Jelly, Juice
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		Tuesday: Grilled Chicken on Bun or Chef Salad, Pork-n- Beans or Parslied Potatoes, Peaches or Pear Halves, Juice
		Wednesday: Soft Tacos or Fajita or Chef Salad, Corn or Carrots, Bananas or Fruit Cocktail, Juice
		Thursday: Hot Dog on Bun or Chef Salad, Carrot Sticks or French Fries, Peaches or Applesauce, Juice
		Friday: Tuna on Pita Bread or Chef Salad, Pickles or Carrot Sticks, Pineapple Tidbits or Banana, Juice
		All menus subject to change ###


First day

Pearl River Community College Assistant Basketball Coach, Butch Goff, gives directions to students (left to right) Angelle Lamb, from Hancock, and Lindsey Bolden from Homa, La. Goff and Recreation Director, Jamie McMahon, spent most of the first day of school outside to help lost students find their way to classes.

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Weddings and Engagements



Mrs. David Hurd

Hurd-Lagarde wed in gala New Orleans ceremony

Katherine Suzanne Lagarde and David Galway Hurd were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony Saturday, Aug. 4, 2001, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in New Orleans.

The Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Thomas Perrier, OSB of St. Benedict Abbey in Covington.

For the occasion the bride selected a floor-length gown featuring a white organza skirt topped by a form-fitting brocade top sprinkled with brilliants. Her veil was cathedral length attached to a pearl tiara and also sprinkled with brilliants.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Amanda Marion Lagarde of Metairie.

Best man was the groom's twin brother, Jonathan Lawrence Hurd of Metairie.

Bridesmaids included Melissa Ann Abraham of New Orleans, Ashley Reine Johnson of Kenner, Lori Hurd Lucas of San Diego, Calif., sister of the groom; Elise Oustalat Lagarde of Covington, Alison Rodriguez Heffernan of New Orleans, Stephanie Meyer Allen of Mandeville, and Amy Marie Normand of New Orleans.

Groomsmen were Sanders Shelby Offner of River Ridge, La., James William Bohm, III of New York City, N.Y., Charles Vincent Cusimano, III of Metairie, Lt. Brian Joseph Lagarde, Timothy Michael Lagarde and Jeffrey Geneva Lagarde, all of Metairie, brothers of the bride; and Robert Arthur Nunnemaker, III of Mandeville.

Ushers included Chad David Boes, Linsey Thomas Hurd and Jason Bernard Klotz, all of Mandeville.

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Take Off Pounds Sensibly 233

TOPS, MS 233 met Thursday, August 9 at the Waveland Public Library. Best loser for the week was June with 5 3/4 lbs. There were 14 members present.

The gift was won by Gwen. The incentive was won by Elaine.

Congratulations Jeanette for weight loss for the past consecutive six weeks.

The program next week will be presented by Pat, and it will

be a general discussion. For the weight loss contest, there remain only eight on the island.

TOPS 233 meets every Thursday at the Waveland Library. Weigh-ins are 5:54 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS 233 chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

Attention Kmart Shoppers

The Kmart August 19, 2001 weekly ad circular, on page 23 features the Mariah Carey "Glitter" CD. This item will not be available at this time due to the recording studio's change of release date. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.

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Hardie Jr.-Favre wed in medieval ceremony

Let it be known that on the 23rd day of June in the year of our Lord, 2001 the house of Favre pledged its firstborn daughter, Nona Rachelle, to the house of Hardie in marriage to the firstborn son, Roderick Jr., in a medieval wedding ceremony hither Bay St. Louis Depot, officiated by Rev. John Pastori.

Nona Rachelle Favre of Hammond, La., and Roderick Hardie Jr. of Bay St. Louis. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Lucien Favre of Bay St. Louis. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Hardie Sr. of Bay St. Louis.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by her ladies of the court. Matrons of honor were Lady Amy Richardson of Bay St. Louis and Lady Debbie Le Beau of Lake Charles, La. Bridesmaid was Lady Rhonda

Favre of Lafayette, La.

Flower fairies were Meggie Lafontaine, Tess Richardson, and Kala Lafontaine, all of Bay St. Louis.

Best man was Knight Darrell Hardie. Groomsmen were Knights Richard Detrick and Chris Flowers, all of Bay St. Louis.

The bride is a graduate from Iowa High School of Iowa, La. She has attended Southeastern Louisiana University and University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

The groom is a graduate of Bay High School.

The night was filled with chivalry and Renaissance ambiance. The guests were entertained by sword fights and renaissance dancing. After the wedding trip to Natchez, the couple will reside in Bay St. Louis.



Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Hardie Jr.

Tax relief is putting \$4.3M back into hands of Hancock taxpayers

Hancock County taxpayers are estimated to receive \$4,366,757 in tax rebates thanks to President George W. Bush and the "Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001."

"President George W. Bush kept his promise to give America's workers tax relief," said Faith Koger, chairman, Hancock County Republican Executive Committee.

"Now Hancock County families can use this money for school supplies, charitable donations or other family needs."

This tax relief represents the largest tax cut in 20 years, and according to this plan, Hancock County taxpayers will continue to see a tax cut for the next 10 years.

Additionally, county workers should notice larger paychecks because the government will be taking out less taxes.

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I say 'ours' in its strictest sense. Think about it.

There is no beach road like this to our west. Not a one. None. To our east, Hwy. 90, an impersonal 60 mph, four-lane, no-man's land, isolates the local residents from their beaches. We don't have that with our road. Ours is uniquely ours to own, to step out and enjoy at any time, and we do.

Look at the license plates of the cars and trucks I spoke about. There will be some Louisiana plates, people with camps in the area, but mostly it's Mississippi plates, and these will be mainly Hancock plates at that.

It's as if we in Hancock County have a swimming pool, a Wet Willy, a sand box, a fishing pond, and a parade ground in each of our back yards. And in a way, we do.

That is not to say we haven't made changes over the years, we have. It's no longer a shell road meandering between massive live oaks that we see in old pictures of the Coast. Some pictures of old Bay St. Louis show it was actually a dual road in places, if these can be believed to represent general conditions.

The beach road's semi-recent history shows that what changes have been made, however, have preserved as well as enlarged the road's distinctly local ambiance.

Starting in 1915 and continuing intermittently through 1928, a concrete beach wall was constructed to protect the beach road from erosion.

Although it took a while to complete, there were few complaints when this massive undertaking was done. The concrete wall was made with broad steps that descended about six feet down to the water plus another two feet into the clay bottom.

These steps became a wonderful place upon which to sit, to fish, to put traps out to crab, to throw a net and catch shrimp. Its linear expanse along the waters edge formed a nice place for countless families in the area to come for a day and enjoy themselves.

We can see what it was like then by driving over to Clermont Harbor and Bayou Caddy; the wall there is lined with families on a weekend, using it today much as it was used years ago.

Once completed, however, the wall began to have serious problems. Strong tidal currents and wind-driven water worked at the wall and as time passed, swept some of the clay bottom away and undermined it.

Where the undermining was severe, the massive weight of the now hanging concrete wall caused it to collapse, either bringing part of the road down with it, or leaving the road exposed to similar erosive actions.

Following the damage wreaked on the Coast by the severe 1967 hurricane, the Army Corps of Engineers made a 150-foot wide sand beach to serve as a secondary buffer. This lasted about two decades.

Slowly but surely the same

strong tidal currents and wind-driven water that had undermined the wall, had eroded the '67 beach until all that was left of it was isolated pockets of sand butting against the concrete wall.

Soon these were gone and portions of the wall again became undermined and starting to collapse. In severe storms the spray from wind-driven waves slamming into the exposed wall, splashed high over the road and thrill seekers drove the road to experience these crude showers. At times the road had to be closed due to the danger posed by these storms and their waves.

In 1993, the wall was completely restored and the Army Corps of Engineers brought in heavy equipment massive pipes and an offshore barge.

All of these were to make a second, this time broader (300 feet) beach using sand pumped in from a man-made trench about 400 hundred yards offshore. The feeling was broader was better.

It took a lot of sand.

For us living on the beach and nearby, it was a lively, noisy, exciting time. People came from miles around to watch the tons of sand being pumped onto the beach from the offshore dredge. All of a sudden Beach Boulevard was a tourist attraction! Let other places have their roller coasters and carnival shows; we had our offshore dredge.

The bulldozers and the gray ooze spewing forth in large plumes from the dredge's shore outlet went 24 hours a day. Large temporary lights on tall poles lit the scene at night. Seagulls by the hundreds wheeled and fed from the pumped material; the bulldozers pushed at the sand, heavy vehicles dragged in new pipe ... the noise was endless.

If not from the noise, you could tell where the pumping was at any one time by the screaming birds and the cars parked to watch. It was by day or night, a colorful spectacle and while it was here, we enjoyed it.

Gradually the new beach came into being, stretching for six long miles, from Bay St. Louis almost to Clermont Harbor.

Finally, it was done and the noisy busy machinery, the hordes of workers and the screaming gulls and spectators went away.

The road became quiet again. In that quiet, nature in sometimes calm, sometimes spectacular displays began slowly working to undo the actions of the dredge.

Due to the general circulation of the waters in the Sound, there is a natural migration of sand from east to west. Storms, local winds and tidal currents add to this and the result has been a gradual shrinking of the beach. County crews move the sand about weekly, evening the shoreline in those places where erosion is severe.

But the forces that generate this erosion are unrelenting and these efforts give the beach a neat, well-groomed look rather than slow the erosion appreciably. Now, eight years later, the beach is narrower, varying in width between 150 to 200 feet. Next year it will be less. If we get severe storms this winter, it will be much less.

In any big storm, the road

becomes covered with blowing sand that makes the road difficult to use and on occasion impassible. When this occurs, the beach crews shift from sweeping the beach to sweeping the road, brushing up the tire-rutted sand and restoring it to the beach.

Various ways are being used to control or at least mitigate this wind-blown process. Nylon fences and tall beach grasses have been laid in staggered rows parallel to the road to keep the sand from blowing onto the road. These have helped and in places, dunes have grown that all but cover the fences.

Surprisingly, the alien grasses have adapted quite well to the man-made beach. They have thrived, unhampered by draught, sinking their roots down five and eight feet for water. An added extra, is that the presence of these tall grasses, rather than being an ugly distraction, has given a distinct softening tone to the beach's overall appearance.

If the 26 year life of the '67 beach is a yardstick, then this

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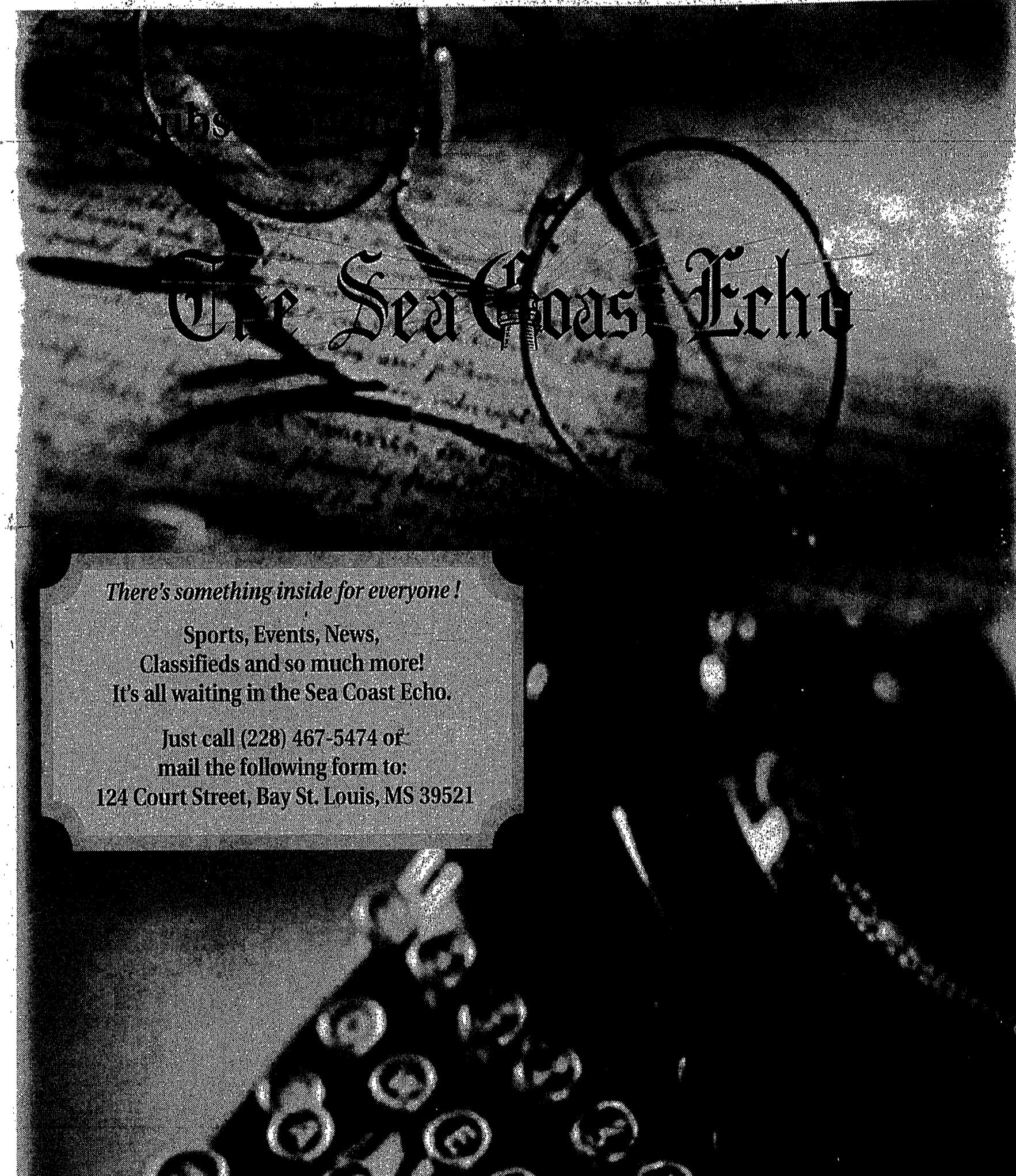


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Rhonda was the week's best loser with 1/4 pound. Sherrie was top KOPS. She also received the incentive award and the raffle.

July's best loser was Rhonda with 10 1/4 pounds. Robert was runner-up. Rhonda was also the quarter's best loser with 24 1/2 pounds, and Robert was runner-up with 19 pounds.

Desarae, Paula, Rhonda and Sherrie had perfect attendance for the quarter. At the quarterly meeting in Latimer, Robert received a trophy for losing 19 pounds, and Rhonda received a trophy for losing 24 1/2 pounds. The chapter received a tro-

phy for the quarter for having an average loss of nine pounds per member.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are 4:30-5 p.m. with the meeting following.

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As a new crew settles into the world's orbiting outpost 240 miles above the Earth, local youngsters back on Earth will have an opportunity to discover life onboard the ISS. Young scientists can learn about space careers aboard the Space Station and can tour a realistic mock-up of an ISS module at StenniSphere, the visitor center at Stennis Space Center.

Astro Camp Saturday is for children ages 9 to 12 and is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. one Saturday each month. The camps offer young people a variety of "space missions," including building and launching their own rockets in a "Rocketry 101" session and exploring the red planet on a "Mission to Mars."

The camp fee is \$50 per camper and includes lunch from the Rocketeria, snacks, all camp supplies and a ride on StenniSphere's motion simulator. For more information or to register, call 1-800-237-1821 (option 1) or (228) 688-2370 locally.



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Andrew Zeringue, 14, and his younger brother, Eric Zeringue, 11, both of Pearlington, enjoy simulating control of the robotic arm in StenniSphere's exhibit on the International Space Station. Children ages 9 to 12 can discover more about life aboard the world's orbiting outpost in space at Astro Camp Saturday, Sept. 15 at StenniSphere, the visitor center for Stennis Space Center. The daylong camps are held monthly at StenniSphere between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Verna Bryant Gallery



Jim Vincent and Verna Bryant of Verna Bryant Gallery
Verna Bryant and Jim Vincent have recently opened Verna Bryant Gallery in Long Beach. Jim Vincent also owns AAA Art Distributors. He sells originals, prints, sculptures, and specialty items.

Bryant has always enjoyed having her own studio, but a gallery is such a plus to having room to fill every corner with students and easels set up ready for ideas to paint. Art has been a life long passion of Verna's whether it be painting or sculpting. Born in Abbeville, LA., of Arcadian heritage, she moved with her family to the small fishing town of Bayou La Batre, AL, at an early age. Her early works reflected the Bayou Country and Coastal areas. She later married and was blessed with her two sons, who later blessed her with two granddaughters; Athena and Mary Kathryn Ladnier.

Verna's entire academic background is very strong in art. She has been privileged to have studied with notable artists from various countries including Jacques Hans Gallrein of Madgeburg, Germany. She attended Oklahoma State University and also studied at Watkins Institute in Nashville, TN. While living and studying in Nashville, she worked for Metro Board of Parks as a special painting instructor.

In 1990 Verna came back to the Gulf Coast where she now devotes all available time to reflecting her love of the area on her canvases. Coastal areas and lighthouses are some of Verna's favorite subjects. Verna has been chosen to do the "Cruisin' the Coast" poster for 2001.

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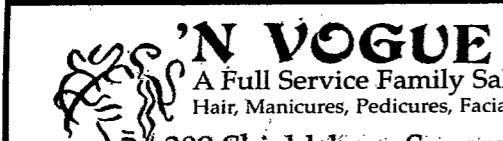
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DID JESUS REALLY CURSE THE FIG TREE?

IT IS RECORDED THAT JESUS, ON HIS WAY FROM BETHANY TO JERUSALEM, AND BEING HUNGRY, STOPPED TO PICK FRUIT FROM A FIG TREE (MARK 11:12-14). BUT ALTHOUGH THE TREE WAS IN LEAF, THERE WERE NO FIGS AND JESUS SAID, HEREAFTER, NO MAN WOULD EVER EAT FRUIT FROM THAT TREE! SOME AUTHORITIES SAY JESUS FOLLOWING THE ORIENTAL CUSTOM OF HOLY MEN, PUT A CURSE ON THE TREE, FROM DISAPPOINTMENT AT NOT FINDING FRUIT. OTHER AUTHORITIES STATE THAT, BECAUSE THE TREE WAS IN LEAF AND THEREFORE SHOULD HAVE HAD FIGS, JESUS WAS POINTING OUT THAT, WHEN ONE OUTWARDLY SHOWS A GOOD CHARACTER WITHOUT THE FRUIT THEREOF, HE IS A HYPOCRITE, OF NO VALUE TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BUT....

...STILL FURTHER AUTHORITIES MAINTAIN THAT, FOR JESUS TO CONDEMN A TREE FOR NOT GIVING FRUIT, DOES NOT SEEM COMPATIBLE WITH HIS GENTLE LOVING NATURE AND, SINCE JESUS WAS AT JERUSALEM FOR THE PASSOVER, THIS PLACES THE TIME OF YEAR AT EARLY APRIL. WHEN THE FIG TREE WAS JUST BEGIN TO LEAF AND GROW FIGS, WHICH THEN MATURE IN LATE JUNE... THUS, ALL JESUS MERELY DID, WAS REMARK THAT, BECAUSE THE TREE HAD ALREADY BEGUN GROWING LEAVES, BUT NO FRUIT, IT WAS BARREN, AND NO ONE WOULD HARVEST FIGS FROM IT WHEN THE FRUIT SEASON ARRIVED!

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Keep it cool with hot weather advice for older people

Older people are at high risk for developing heat-related illness because the ability to respond to summer heat is less efficient with advancing years.

Fortunately, the summer can remain safe and enjoyable for everyone who uses good, sound judgment and learns about preventive measures as described in the National Institute on Aging's AgePage on hyperthermia.

Heat stress, heat fatigue, heat syncope (sudden dizziness after exercising in the heat), heat cramps, and heat exhaustion are all forms of "hyperthermia," the general name given to a variety of heat-related illnesses.

Symptoms may include headache, nausea, muscle spasms, and fatigue after exposure to heat. If you suspect someone is suffering from a heat-related illness:

- Get the victim out of the sun and into a cool place – preferably one that is air-conditioned.

- Offer fluids but avoid alcohol and caffeine. Water and fruit and vegetable juices are best.

- Encourage the individual to shower or bathe, or sponge off with cool water.

- Urge the person to lie down and rest, preferably in a cool place.

Heat stroke is especially dangerous for older people and requires emergency medical attention. A person with heat stroke has a body temperature above 104 degrees and may have symptoms such as confusion, combativeness, bizarre behavior, faintness, staggering, strong rapid pulse, dry flushed skin, lack of sweating, possible delirium or coma. The temperature does not have to hit 100 degrees for a person to be at risk for hyperthermia. Both an individual's general health and/or lifestyle may increase the threat of a heat-related illness. Health factors, which may increase risk include:

- Poor circulation, inefficient sweat glands, and changes in the skin caused by the normal aging process.
- Heart, lung, and kidney diseases, as well as any illness that causes general weakness or fever.

- High blood pressure or other conditions that require changes in diet. For example, people on salt restricted diets may increase their risk. However, salt pills should not be used without first asking a consulting doctor.

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- Being substantially overweight or underweight.

- Drinking alcoholic beverages.

Lifestyle factors also can increase risk, including extremely hot living quarters, lack of transportation, over-dressing, visiting overcrowded places, and not understanding weather conditions.

Older people, particularly those at special risk, should stay indoors on especially hot and humid days, particularly when

there is an air pollution alert in hot days. Many communities, area agencies, religious groups, and senior citizen centers also provide such services.

The NIA is part of the Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health. The NIA is the lead federal agency supporting and conducting biomedical, social, and behavioral research and training related to aging and the diseases and special needs of older people.

'Voice of Democracy' scholarship open

Commander Richard Johnson of VFW Post 3253 Bay St. Louis announced the start of this year's Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary "Voice of Democracy" Scholarship Competition.

The theme for this year is "Reaching Out To America's Future." Each student in grades 9-12 is urged to enter the annual Voice of Democracy audio/essay competition.

Home-schooled children are encouraged to enter.

Students who desire to enter this creative writing and verbal expression competition should contact Randolph Bourgeois at 467-7792 or Cindy Schoonmaker auxiliary

chairman at 467-1766.

Additional opportunities for students include increases in self-confidence and poise, experience in polishing communication skills, and the opportunity for self-expression.

Students who advance to become their state's first place winners are given the chance to expand their knowledge of our nation's capital city during a full four-day tour of Washington, D.C., plus the prospect of meeting and befriending students from every state.

During the many years that the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary have been involved with Voice of Democracy, more than seven million high school students have participated.

Interested students need only write and then record a three- to five-minute audio/essay while expressing their view of the patriotic theme "Reaching Out To America's Future."

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Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF PEARL RIVER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI PLAINTIFF DAWN E. SUMMERS, DEFENDANT VERSUS MAURICE E. SUMMERS, DEFENDANT STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, TO: MAURICE E. SUMMERS

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Dawn E Summers, Plaintiff, seeking a divorce. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to CHERYL D. JOHNSON, the Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 1229 Main Street, P.O. Box 4222, Hancock County, Mississippi 39470. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2001 WHICH IS THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 15 day of Aug., 2001.

David Earl Johnson
CLERK OF PEARL RIVER COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI
Violina Jordan DC

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NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until 11:00 a.m., September 12, 2001, and shortly thereafter open publicly for providing plastic curbs to Hancock County for a six month period beginning at the bid opening date.

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BY THE HANCOCK COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR / COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Bids specifications are available upon request from the Assessor's Office, 150 Main Street, Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, P.O. Box 4222, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39470 or by calling 467-0172.

All envelopes must be marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ENCLOSED" and state that bid on and the date of bid opening.

All envelopes must be stamped in the Hancock County Clerk's Office before 11:00 a.m. on the day of the bid opening.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, this the 15th day of August, 2001.

(Seal)

Timothy A. Kellar,
Clark, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Terry E. Guenard, D.C.

08/19, 8/26/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI NICHOLAS G. BEHENIN PLAINTIFF VERSUS ELAM CASE, MARY V. CASE, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

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Hancock County, Mississippi.

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NOTES TO STUDENTS:

- 1. Know the names and phone numbers of family members.
- 2. Never go with anyone to whom you have never been alone.
- 3. Stay in your seat while the schoolbus is in motion.
- 4. Look in all directions before crossing the street.



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- 2) Obey posted speed limits in all school zones.
- 3) Be aware of children at bus stops and proceed with caution.
- 4) If your child is a car rider, always buckle up.
- 5) Remember children are our most important resource, treat them with care.

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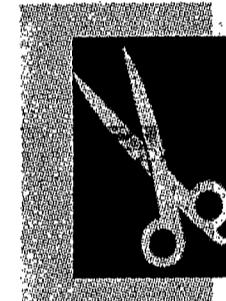
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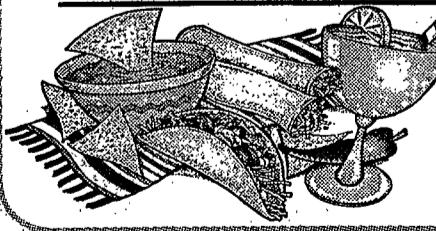
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